

# THE TIMES

No. 66,468

TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

<http://www.the-times.co.uk>

Double tokens today

FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

See pages 26, 36 SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

BRUCE CHATWIN  
storyteller, devoted husband, gay

Pages 16, 17

Win a cottage in Cornwall

Token on page 46

30p  
EVERY WEEKDAY

Fantasy Football League: How did your team get on? Pages 24, 25

## BBC surrenders in TV ratings war and goes back to nature

By CAROL MIDGLEY  
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC bowed out of the populist ratings war with ITV yesterday, signalling a return to its traditional strength of popular science, quality drama and natural history.

It unveiled a spring and summer schedule of programmes on serious factual programmes, education and drama and the virtual absence of "mass appeal" game shows and docu-soaps.

The new schedule — which in-

cludes an epic adaptation of Dickens' *Great Expectations* starring Charlotte Rampling; a history of Sikhism and a series on the thinkers Nietzsche, Heidegger and Sartre — appears to mark a shift in the BBC's strategy after months of being accused of chasing ratings by appealing to the lowest common denominator.

Executives were said to be chastened by backlash over *Vanessa*, the daytime programme which featured hoax guests, and it recently dropped its much vilified Saturday night flagship programme *Noel's*

House Party, hosted by Noel Edmonds, saying it was "rethinking and refining" Saturday evening entertainment.

Executives are anxious to emphasise the corporation's public service credentials at a time when the Government is examining its future role and funding, and traditionalists are expected to welcome the new schedules as a return to the Reithian values of informing and educating the viewer.

Alan Yentob, the BBC's director of television, said that the £320 million spring package was "remind-

ing people of what the BBC is here for", and the new schedule is accompanied by a new motto: "Range and ambition you won't find anywhere else at peaktime."

Insiders said the phrase was coined to distinguish the BBC from its "downmarket" rivals, and executives said yesterday that they would not compete for viewers on ITV's terms.

Since ITV scrapped *News at Ten* earlier this month BBC1 has faced fiercer competition from ITV programmes and its share of the audience has dropped below the critical

30 per cent level. Experts have long predicted that the end of *News at Ten* would be a defining moment for the BBC but it has also been hit badly by the game show *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, which has attracted audiences up to 19 million.

Mr Yentob admitted yesterday: "It is like an exocet missile through the schedules but the BBC could not broadcast that programme. We cannot give away that kind of prime money."

And of the impact of the demise of *News at Ten*, he said: "We do not

feel that after a couple of weeks of ITV doing well we have to reinvent the rules... but we do want to remind people of the BBC's strengths. It's a long game and [audience] share is not the only objective. Clearly our competitors are stronger than they were — that's the environment we have to live in — but there are added values the BBC can bring and we are not going to forsake them for the sake of audiences."

"It is different to ITV. ITV can forsake the news in peak time, the BBC cannot and will not do that."

Peter Salmon, the controller of BBC1, added: "We want to do more than chase ratings. Just being popular is good for some but not good enough for the BBC. We have to look across all our strands and make sure we are not deserting the values of public service broadcasting."

ITV insiders, however, claimed that the BBC was "waving the white flag" at popular entertainment and admitting that it could no longer compete.

The Auntie factor, page 3

## Straw bid to block release of IRA men

By MARTIN FLETCHER, PHILIP WEBSTER AND RICHARD FORD

JACK STRAW enraged Irish republicans at a crucial stage in the peace process last night by challenging the imminent release of four top IRA prisoners, including the Brighton bomber Patrick Magee.

The Home Secretary successfully sought a judicial hearing which will be held this morning to prevent Paul Kavanagh, Thomas Quigley and Gerard McDowell being released from the Maze today, and Magee from being freed in June.

His move — announced by Downing Street — came at the beginning of what Mo Mowlam described as "one of the most critical weeks in Northern Ireland in recent years". She is urgently seeking a way to procure IRA disarmament before next week so that Sinn Fein can join Northern Ireland's new executive and the Good Friday peace accord be saved. But Mr Straw's intervention looks set to strengthen the republicans' resolve to hold on to their arms.

The Home Office said Mr Straw was merely seeking to clarify the law. Some sources in London said that he had consulted Dr Mowlam but admitted that she was not happy about his intervention. Others went further and suggested that the Government was signalling to Sinn Fein that there would be a heavy penalty to pay if the IRA did not disarm.

Gerry Kelly, Sinn Fein's prisons spokesman, accused Mr Straw of interfering with the Good Friday agreement, described his behaviour as unacceptable, and insisted that he should abide by the independent Sentence Review Commission's decision to release the men. Another senior Sinn Fein source expressed disbelief. "It certainly doesn't create the sort of backdrop that

will help anyone over the next ten days."

Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, applauded the delay in the prisoners' release but said the Government appeared to be "in disarray with a lack of co-ordination between departments".

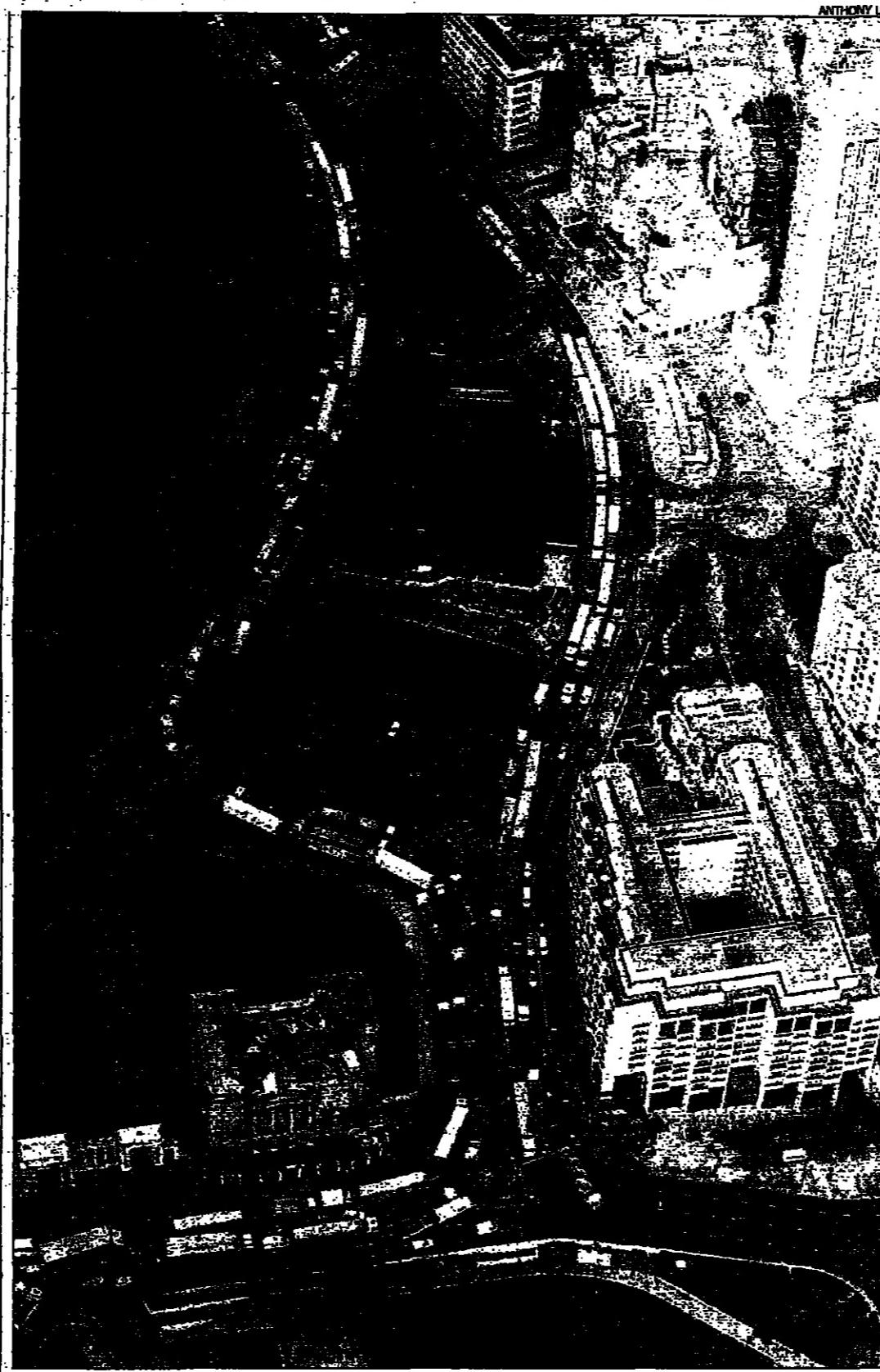
Mr Straw is challenging when, not whether, the four men should be released under the Good Friday accord. The men were sentenced in England, where the "tariffs" or minimum terms of life sentence prisoners are far longer than those imposed by Northern Ireland's courts. Three of the four received 50 years tariffs, and McDowell — a cousin of Gerry Adams — 25 years.

The Sentence Review Commission uses a mathematical formula to determine when terrorist prisoners should be released. Based on the English tariffs, it originally decided that the four should remain in jail until July next year — the last date for releasing prisoners under the accord. But the prisoners successfully challenged that ruling and the Commission yesterday brought their release dates forward. Within hours, Mr Justice Girvan sitting in Belfast's High Court granted the Home Office a judicial hearing which will be heard today.

A Downing Street spokesman said Mr Straw was "being absolutely insistent on due process" and had no political motive. If he did not "clarify" the terms of the accord, someone else would have challenged the Commission's ruling in the courts.

The four prisoners are among the most infamous IRA inmates in the Maze, and their release would inevitably cause an outcry. Magee, aged 47, masterminded the 1984 Brighton bomb.

Continued on page 2, col 6



Lorries blocking Park Lane, London, from Hyde Park Corner and Apsley House (bottom, left) as drivers demonstrated yesterday against Budget increases in diesel fuel and road tax. Page 4

## US steps up trade war over hormone beef

By CARL MORTISHED AND VALERIE ELLIOTT

be raised at the Council of Ministers meeting in Berlin tonight and tomorrow.

The preliminary list of products will be narrowed, probably to between \$300 million and \$500 million worth of EU exports. They will be subject to crippling tariffs by June 12 if Europe fails to lift its ban on the US beef. Charlène Barstow

sky, the US trade representative, said: "The EU's ten-year arbitrary and scientifically unjustified ban on US beef has had a substantial negative impact on US beef producers."

Ambassador Peter Scher, the US special trade negotiator, said that America was prepared to discuss a labelling regime for US beef. However, Mr Scher said that the EU had not been willing to give a commitment that it would both implement a labelling regime and lift the ban.

The European Commission dismissed the US move last night as procedural and said talks about labelling and compensation were continuing. Privately, EU officials said America was prepared to identify its produce only as "US beef" without identifying the presence of hormones.

The World Trade Organisation ruled in August 1997 that the beef ban was illegal and granted Brussels 15 months to conduct scientific assessments of the health risks.



"Your mum hasn't been the same since hormonal enhancement"

## Duchess of York's mansion for sale

By RACHEL KELLY AND MICHAEL HARVEY

THE Surrey mansion bought for the Duchess of York and her two daughters by the Queen was yesterday put on the market for £1.5 million.

The Duchess refused to move into the seven-bedroom Birch Hall after claiming she could not afford the estimated £80,000 annual running costs.

Yesterday the trustees who own the house on behalf of the Duchess's daughters, Beatrice and Eugenie, put it in the hands of estate agents John D Wood. It is being offered at the same price as it was bought for last year.

The trustees, who have a legal duty to safeguard the value of the trust's assets, have been faced with a deteriorating property. It has been empty for six months and has twice been broken into.

Last night's decision came on the eve of a meeting between the trustees and the Duchess to resolve the situation. One local businessman is said to have left her astonished.

The sale of Birch Hall adds another chapter to the long-running dispute between the Duchess and Buckingham Palace over her housing arrangements. The imposing Grade II listed house has five reception rooms, a library, a walk-in drinks cabinet, a tennis court, and a staff cottage.

The Georgian property was built on the site of one of Henry VIII's hunting lodges.

The Duchess, 39, has preferred to remain living with the Duke of York at their former marital home Sunninghill Park.

There is the dismay of several senior members of the Royal Family. She lives in guest lodgings and frequently eats with Prince Andrew and their daughters aged ten and nine.

Local estate agents said the sale was timed to make the most of the spring selling season. One local businessman is said to have already made an offer.

## Clinton warns Americans of Kosovo action

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE AND IAN BRODIE

PRESIDENT Clinton last night gave President Milosevic his last chance to agree to a Kosovo peace deal and escape Nato airstrikes. But the Yugoslav leader's political and military regime seemed set on confrontation with the West.

As Richard Holbrooke, the senior American negotiator in the Balkans, went into final peace talks with Slobodan Milosevic, Mr Clinton prepared the American public for the likelihood of Nato action against Serbia. "I hope it can be achieved by peaceful means. But if not, we have to be prepared to act," he said.

Mr Clinton said that since the suspension of the Paris peace talks a week ago more than 30,000 people had fled their homes, bringing the total number of refugees to 250,000, or one in eight of the entire population of the province.

Addressing himself to a sceptical public, he emphasised the importance of keeping the peace in Europe and containing a conflict which could engulf the Balkans.

However, there were few hints of compromise from Belgrade, where Serb leaders con-

tinued to defy the West, while their forces went on the rampage in several villages in Kosovo. Despite transforming his society into virtually the poorest in Europe, Mr Milosevic seemed to have the support of his alienated people for an apparently doomed clash with Nato's superior weaponry.

It was Mr Holbrooke's 41st trip to Belgrade for emergency talks over the last decade and probably his last. "We've reached the edge," he said. "Time is running out."

Against a backdrop of the most ferocious "cleansing" operations yet seen in Kosovo from the Serb security forces, Mr Holbrooke appeared on television and appealed to the nation to accept Nato peacekeepers in the southern province.

Journalists leaving yesterday reported seeing dozens of villages on fire in an operation chillingly reminiscent of the Bosnian war. The Yugoslav military police continued to issue mobilisation papers, and doctors were banned from leaving the country.

Peter Riddell, page 10  
Scorched earth, page 11

YOU'VE GOT TO BE MAD TO PAY TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU NEED TO FOR PHONE CALLS.



If you're happy to let BT make another £2.5 billion profit this year, the party obviously hasn't dropped. First Telecom can save you 25% off national and international calls to over 250 countries. We won't need to know your existing phone, line or number. Just add First Telecom's service to your existing BT phone and let our 500,000 customers. So don't get left out.

0800 458 5858

FIRST TELECOM

www.firsttelecom.com

© 1999 First Telecom Ltd. All rights reserved.

TV & RADIO	50.31
WEATHER	26
CROSSWORDS	26.52
LETTERS	19
OBITUARIES	21
LIBBY PURVES	18
ARTS	36-38
CHESS & BRIDGE	49
COURT & SOCIAL	20
LAW REPORT	45
FEATURES	15-17
BUSINESS	21-35

Buying The Times overseas  
Australia \$12; Belgium 5 Pts 10c; Canada  
\$7.50; Germany 70c; Greece 12L; Israel 10c;  
Ireland 22L; Italy 22L; Japan 100c; Luxembourg  
12L; Malta 80c; Morocco 12L; Norway Kr.  
25.00; Portugal 25c; Spain Pt 40c; Sweden  
Sk 35.00; Switzerland S Fr 6.00; United  
Kingdom 25c; US 50c; US Postage Paid in  
Newark NJ Postmaster: Send address changes to:  
The Times c/o Mercury International, 255 Blair  
Road Avenue NJ 07040.

12  
9 770140 046220



SWOTS

Caring for  
the future  
of our  
children  
and the  
country  
we live  
in.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**  
Man held  
after boy  
found dead

# Auntie lowers her expectations

Corporation gets back to basics by seeking ratings for quality, not quantity, writes Carol Midgley

THE Auntie factor returned to the BBC yesterday as executives revealed that they would fight ITV's big guns with a diet of costume drama and educational programmes.

There was a conspicuous absence of glitz and glamour at the schedule launch as the BBC named among its highlights an epic series on the history of the planets and *Tobacco Wars*, another documentary examining the real cost of smoking, to be presented by Michael Buerk.

Of its 20 new documentaries the BBC, which created the public visibility for docu-soaps with the likes of *Driving School* and *Lakesiders*, has included only four in its spring and summer schedule.

Instead it is hoping to bring culture to the masses via Tony Marchant's adaptation of Dickens's *Great Expectations* and turning Elizabeth Gaskell's unfinished novel *Wives and Daughters* into a four-part drama under the guidance of Andrew Davies, who adapted Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

Alan Yentob, Director of Television at the BBC, insisted yesterday that the docu-soap was not exhausted as a genre, but said the BBC had to continue to try different things. It is refusing to follow ITV's successful scheduling since the axing of *News at Ten* and is hoping to appeal to the public's fascination for science and natural history.

Even the BBC dramas will have an educational message. *Badger*, starring Jerome Flynn, based on a growing area of crime — wildlife exploitation.

*Life Support*, a BBC1 drama starring Richard Wilson and Art Malik, is centred on the complexities of medical ethics. Last week, ITV, which showed a James Bond film and *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*, achieved 43.5 per cent share of the audience compared with BBC1's 27.5 per cent. BBC insiders say executives have decided that ratings chasing is no longer an option and emphasis on quality is the only way to ensure the BBC's survival.



Charlotte Rampling as Miss Havisham leads the return to the classics

pared with BBC1's 27.5 per cent. BBC insiders say executives have decided that ratings chasing is no longer an option and emphasis on quality is the only way to ensure the BBC's survival.

Peter Salmon, Controller of BBC1, said: "This time last year the Governors were asking us to put special emphasis on popular drama. We are doing that while trying to extend our range."

Mr Yentob added that the new season would anticipate viewers' aspirations as well as catering to their wants. "This is television you just won't see anywhere else," he said.

Lenny Henry and Amanda Redman star in *Hope And*

## WEAPONS OF WAR

### BBC

8.30pm Regional News  
7.00pm Holiday  
7.30pm Tomorrow's World  
8.00pm EastEnders  
8.30pm Great Expectations  
10.00pm The Planets  
10.30pm Tobacco Wars with Michael Buerk

□ Not all programmes are on BBC1, some are on BBC2.

### ITV

6.30pm Evening News  
7.00pm Emmerdale  
7.30pm Coronation Street  
8.00pm Who Wants to be a Millionaire? (solo)  
8.00pm Bond movie



Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? has increased ITV's audience

# Gun man sent hoax bombs to Labour

By RUSSELL JENKINS  
NORTH WEST CORRESPONDENT

A MAN has been jailed for sending the Labour Party's Walworth Road headquarters hoax bombs in protest at government policy on gun control. Michael Shields, 40, a gun-club enthusiast from Sandbach, Cheshire, accused Tony Blair of ruining his sport with the tighter gun controls that followed the Dunblane massacre, a court was told. He sent 74 bogus parcel bombs to officials at John Smith House in South London. Police put the offices heightened security alert and mail had to be redirected to a secure sorting office.

Shields, described in court as a pillar of the community and a school governor, had trawled the Internet sites of far-right American groups for ideas to terrify those lobbying for a ban on ownership of handguns. A criminologist and a mother of a victim of the Hungerford massacre were his targets during a campaign that ended when police raided his home and found new and antique guns and ammunition.

Shields, a licensed gun-owner, is beginning a 26-month jail sentence after being sentenced at Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester on Friday. He admitted harassment, sending hoax bombs, posing sharp instruments, possessing a prohibited weapon and criminal damage in the 12 months up to last December.

## Doctor tells why he gave order to starve patient

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DOCTOR accused of ordering nurses to starve an elderly woman stroke patient to death said yesterday that she had choked when he put her ability to swallow food to the test.

Ken Taylor said that he visited 85-year-old Mary Ormerod in her room at Oxford House nursing home, Preston, alone only two days before ordering that her Fresubin high-protein food supplement be withdrawn and her fluid intake severely curtailed.

Dr Taylor, 51, who was in tears during his five hours of evidence, admitted that he had not disclosed the visit to her bedside — either to police investigating her death or to the General Medical Council (GMC) — but insisted that he was telling the truth.

Mrs Ormerod, a widow, died at the home in August 1995 weighing only 3st 12lb about 58 days after the nutrition had been withdrawn. Dr

Taylor, whose instruction to starve her was denied by nurses until her supplies of the supplement ran out, denies serious professional misconduct. He told the professional conduct committee of the GMC that he ordered the withdrawal because the burden of feeding Mrs Ormerod was greater than the benefit — though nurses have said in evidence that she had normally been able to swallow her food.

Dr Taylor, a former nurse who qualified as a doctor in 1974, said: "I went into the room. There was not a nurse with me. I remember thinking that I would make an assessment myself. I looked around the room, found a feeding cup with some liquid in it — I believed it was Fresubin, but there was no packet — and I attempted to feed her."

"She was lying in bed on her side. I took off my coat, put the cup side down and I put my

arm around her shoulder. I turned her into a position so she was facing upright and very slowly, deliberately introduced some of the liquid into her mouth using the feeding cup. Immediately, she made a very low grunting choking sound, which went on for perhaps ten or fifteen seconds, and I had to stop feeding and lie her down in the position she was in when I went into the room."

Later Rosalind Foster, counsel for the GMC, asked Dr Taylor: "Why did you not tell the police that it was your personal experience gained a couple of days before, that she had choked when you tried to feed her?"

Dr Taylor: "Because they did not ask me."

Miss Foster: "Are you telling us the truth about this visit?"

Dr Taylor: "Yes, I am."

The hearing continues.

## First Wren to fly almost quit after sexual taunts

By SIMON DE BRUYNELLES  
WEST OF ENGLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE first woman crew member of a Royal Navy helicopter told a court martial yesterday that she came close to quitting because of sexual harassment by her senior officer.

Leading Wren Aircrewman Bridget Turner, 33, said she put up with years of provocative comments from Warrant Officer Albert Cooper while serving on board the aircraft carrier HMS *Invincible*. Finally, unable to put up with his behaviour any longer, she requested a transfer only to find her tormentor assigned to the same base soon afterwards.

Miss Turner said that she did not complain before because she did not want her shipmates to think that women could not cope with life at sea.

She told the court at HMS Drake in Plymouth that the 45-year-old NCO humiliat-



Turner: feared that she would be sent ashore

her during crew briefings by asking her about her favourite sexual positions.

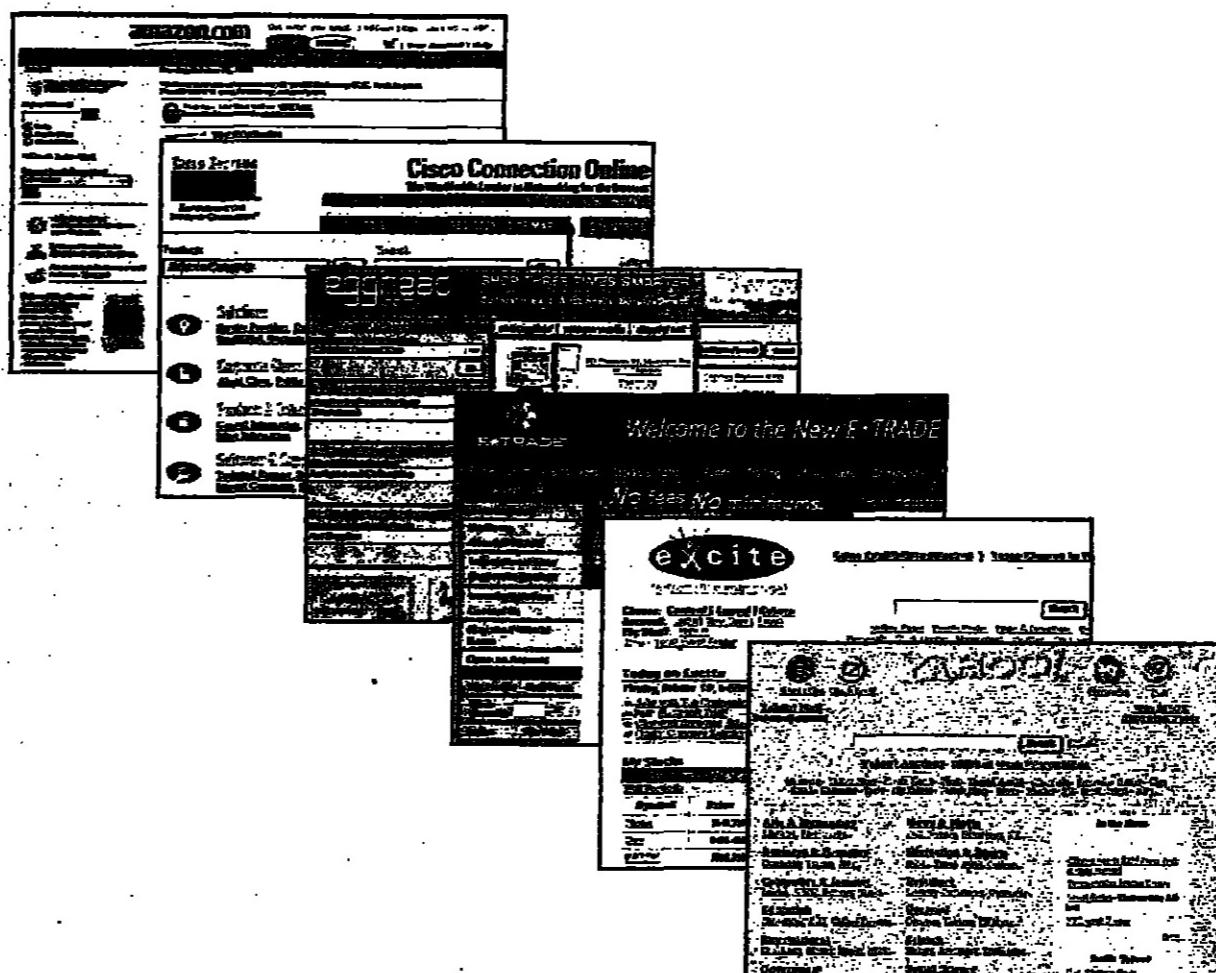
Miss Turner was one of the first two women to fly with the Fleet Air Arm when she qualified as an aircrewman, on board Sea King helicopters. Her job included operating the winch during air sea rescues. She told the hearing: "During my time aboard

HMS *Invincible* I wanted to leave the Navy. I did not feel I could go to anybody about what was happening because he was my divisional officer.

"He was a very powerful man and myself and another Wren were the first female aircrewmen. I did not want people to say the girls cannot hack it. My fear was I could be sent back to shore if I had a bad report from Cooper. His viewpoint was that Wrens at sea because the lads needed sex. It was not just general crew room banter. I have been in the Navy a long time and I knew about banter. This went beyond banter."

The court also heard from Leading Wren Aircrewman Bernadette Pope, who shared the honour of being the first Wren to fly. She said: "There was just chit-chat about what we had been up to and Turner was included in the sexual banter. Turner did not appear to be offended by anything he said." The hearing continues.

**The biggest and best Web sites use Oracle.**



*Oracle® is the foundation of the Internet.*

From Amazon.com to Yahoo!, the most popular Web sites depend on Oracle's ability to handle huge numbers of users

and enormous quantities of information — text, images, audio, video — everything. In fact, nearly 70% of the Internet's top e-commerce sites use Oracle. And with the introduction of Oracle8™ things will get even better. To find out

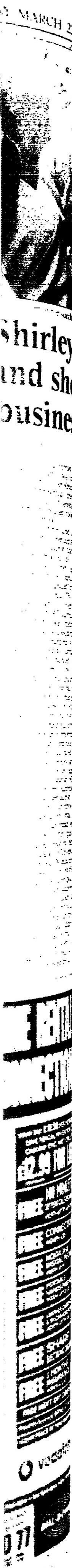
why Oracle is the foundation of the Internet, visit us at

[www.oracle.com/info/25](http://www.oracle.com/info/25) or call 01625 544455.

**ORACLE®**

©1999 Oracle Corporation. All rights reserved. Oracle is a registered trademark and Oracle8 is a trademark of Oracle Corporation. All other names may be trademarks of their respective owners. \*1998 Colloquial Marketing Survey.





THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

HOME NEWS 5

# Baby bulge in 2000 will be risky, say doctors

Millennium boom could stretch the NHS too far, reports Ian Murray

**COPLES** were urged to resist the temptation to take part in a millennium-baby boom yesterday. Hospital consultants said that trying to conceive a child to be born in the first hours of 2000 could overstretch medical resources, giving an increased risk of complications and permanently handicapped children.

"The NHS maternity services are barely able to cope with the current rate of about 2,200 births per day owing to a national shortage of midwives," a statement from the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association said. "A severe bulge in this number will render the service into a state of collapse."

The consultants say that if couples follow media advice that this week is the optimum for conceiving a millennium-baby, there will be reduced standards of care which will be a hazard to both mother and baby for two weeks into the new year.

They also say that paediatric services would not be able to function adequately and intensive care facilities would be overloaded. "The result is likely to be an increase in the number of complications for

mothers and probably an increase in the risk of lifetime handicaps for children."

A birth bulge would make life almost impossible for maternity staff at a time when there could be unforeseen problems from the millennium bug affecting computer equipment.

Robin Loveday, consultant obstetric anaesthetist at Pembury Hospital, in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, said that a sustained increase in births would increase the hazards because it would not be possible to get a sick or premature baby into a special intensive care unit.

If the other neighbouring hospitals have peaks at the same time, you are in trouble as you cannot transfer patients," he said. "The potential is there for producing a handicapped baby as a result of the overload of the services."

If a larger than usual number of couples try to conceive this week, the consultants say that the peak birthing time for the NHS will last for about a fortnight, with no let-up at all for obstetricians and midwives to plan to induce mothers to help to spread the time period.

## Women leave pregnancy to fate

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

**WOMEN'S** decisions on whether and when to have a baby are influenced by subconscious feelings that go far beyond practical considerations about money, housing, relationships and health.

A study published today by the Family Planning Association (FPA) shows that many women, including well-educated professionals, believe that "biological destiny" will decide whether they will have a baby. As a result, they frequently do not use contraception properly, if at all.

Although most women questioned in the study said that they would like to be able to plan at what point in their lives pregnancy occurred, many did little to prevent it happening, believing instead that it was an inevitability.

Anne Weyman, chief executive of the FPA, said that one in three pregnancies in Britain was said to be unplanned, but that the question of intent was exceedingly difficult to answer.

### THE SEVEN TYPES OF MOTHER

The study, based on discussions with 1,000 women, identified seven types of mother:

- Motivational: likes to be in control, enjoys a relationship with her child that refers to only her.
- Historical: from single mothers who have several children; they are usually the right age and have had a traditional education.
- Maternal: goes to work, wants to have a pregnant. Often, she does not know exactly what she wants, she just wants to be a mother.
- Traditional: plans carefully, takes measures, anticipates, looks forward to motherhood.
- Religious: believes in God and wants to be a good mother.
- Practical: typical housewife, and a highly efficient cleaner.
- Liberated: pregnancy is not a priority, she wants to take pleasure in her life.

**The Photographs of HG Ponting**  
SCOTT'S LAST EXPEDITION TO THE ANTARCTIC  
Limited Edition fine art photographs from Scott's  
Terra Nova expedition to the Antarctic 1910-1913  
Call or fax today for a FREE CATALOGUE  
Tel: 0181 543 4238 • Fax: 0181 543 4545  
The Discovery Gallery - 10-12 Lichfield Road - London SW19 3TZ



MATTHEW FEARNS

The Prime Minister with the Duke of York and Emma Bunton, of the Spice Girls, at yesterday's NSPCC event

## Duke backs drive against child cruelty

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

**THE** Duke of York urged parents to be more tolerant and respectful towards children yesterday. As chairman of the NSPCC's Full Stop campaign, which aims to raise £250 million, he became the first signatory to the charity's pledge against child cruelty.

Since the break-up of his marriage, the Duke has won plaudits from family campaigners for his devotion to his children and his determination to stand by his former wife. Yesterday, at the launch of the campaign at the Theatre Royal, London, he said: "As a father of two children, I think it's entirely right and proper that we should attempt to eradicate child abuse."

Although it was not possible to stop all child abuse, it was possible to save some lives, he added. "Some of the eradication of cruelty can be achieved with no capital out-

lay by raising awareness. I don't just mean cruelty in terms of physical cruelty. It can be psychological and mental."

Over the next few weeks, NSPCC pledge forms will be delivered to 23 million households. The charity hopes that at least one million people will sign the pledge and donate money within a year. Supporters include the radio presenter Zoe Ball, the former England striker Gary Lineker and Tony Blair.

Families Need Fathers, a charity that supports shared access to children, regards the Duke and Duchess of York as the model divorced couple in their behaviour towards the Princesses Beatrice, 10, and Eugenie, who is nine today. Jim Partin, its chairman said: "They both turn up at school sports days, go on holiday together and they are both there for their children."



Big car comfort

in a small car

The A-class from £183 per month (11.9% APR)\*

All roads lead to size. To find out how a small car can be every bit as comfortable as a big one...  
It's only just over 3 metres long. But because parts of the interior and the exterior are housed in the unique  
compartment, the passenger compartment has the

interior space and refinement of a much larger car.

Enough, in fact, to accomodate a family of five in true Mercedes comfort. The kind that makes the long haul up the motorway as effortless as a run round the block.

Try the A-class out for size. Call us now for a test drive.



Mercedes-Benz

0500 20 21 20

www.mercedes-benz.co.uk

© MBUSA 1999

MBUSA

&lt;

## THE 1999 ACADEMY AWARDS

# Branagh pins hopes on love for the Bard

Love's Labour's Lost is next, writes Adam Sherwin

IT WAS a night of triumph for British talent at the Oscars, but as the champagne hangovers wore off, work resumed on the films that aim to repeat that success next year.

If the Bard retains his popularity with the Academy, Kenneth Branagh's *Love's Labour's Lost* could match the success of *Shakespeare in Love*. The £15 million adaptation of Shakespeare's romantic comedy is the biggest British film now in production.

Branagh, who has already brought *Hamlet*, *Henry V* and *Much Ado About Nothing* to the big screen, began shooting at Shepperton film studios earlier this year. The cast includes Alicia Silverstone, Hollywood's latest glamour girl, and Paul Whitehouse, the star of the BBC comedy *The Far Show*. Branagh plays Berowne as well as directing.

The film will receive £1 million of national lottery funding, awarded by the Arts Council, and further financial assistance from Pathé, a lottery-funded film production consortium.

Unlike *Shakespeare in Love*, the Branagh film can claim to be a home-grown product. Intermedia Films, the producers, said: "We sold the rights around the world before

try fears that the strength of the pound is deterring filmmakers from bringing their productions to England.

Despite the success of *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, the audience for British-produced films has declined from 23 per cent of the total box office in 1997 to 14 per cent at the end of 1998. American money still accounts for 60 per cent of all finance spent on film production in Britain.

Nearly £70 million of lottery cash has been allocated to film production, but few box-office hits have resulted. Carolyn Lambert, director of the Arts Council's Film Lottery Unit, admitted: "No films we funded have fully recouped their outlay." Poor scripts are blamed. Ms Lambert said: "We now have professional script-readers providing a detailed assessment of each film."

Some people believe too many British films are made. Richard Holmes, producer of *Waking Ned*, a low-budget comedy set in Ireland, which has taken \$24 million (£15 million) in the United States, said: "Two British films a week is the absolute maximum the market can sustain."

Letters, page 19

## WHOOPING IT UP



Whoopi Goldberg sported outfits based on the five films in best costume category. These were her versions of *Elizabeth*, *Shakespeare in Love* and *Velvet Goldmine*



LA style: from left, party time for Minnie Driver; Emily Watson, nominated for Best Actress; and Jennifer Lopez, presenting Original Song award



Catherine Zeta Jones, strapless in Versace

TO SEE the real stars of the Oscars, you don't have to stay up until 1am [Deborah Brett writes]. For a fashion show featuring some of the world's most beautiful women in some of the world's most fabulous gowns — or, occasionally, some of the world's most visible fashion mistakes — you have only to watch the first half-hour.

The 71st Academy Awards, however, were disappointing — thin on catastrophic frou-

frou numbers — LA, it seems, has finally got some style. Mistakes on the scale of Cher wearing a ship on her head or Geena Davis in one of her peachy puffed-out waists were scarce.

Celine Dion's Christian Dior couture suit did flounce a few. A winner in pure fashion stakes, the cream reversed-tuxedo suit and matching fedora-cum-trilby hybrid

## AND NOW, THE BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS ...

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

Globe awards, were a brave attempt that left people guessing: was it on back to front?

In the contest between the two period drama queens, Gwyneth Paltrow may have won the acting award, but Cate Blanchett took the fashion accolade. She wore a deceptively simple, slinky knit dress with floral trellis embroidery cascading over her

first half-hour.

The 71st Academy Awards, however, were disappointing — thin on catastrophic frou-

frou numbers — LA, it seems, has finally got some style. Mistakes on the scale of Cher wearing a ship on her head or Geena Davis in one of her peachy puffed-out waists were scarce.

Celine Dion's Christian Dior couture suit did flounce a few. A winner in pure fashion stakes, the cream reversed-tuxedo suit and matching fedora-cum-trilby hybrid

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

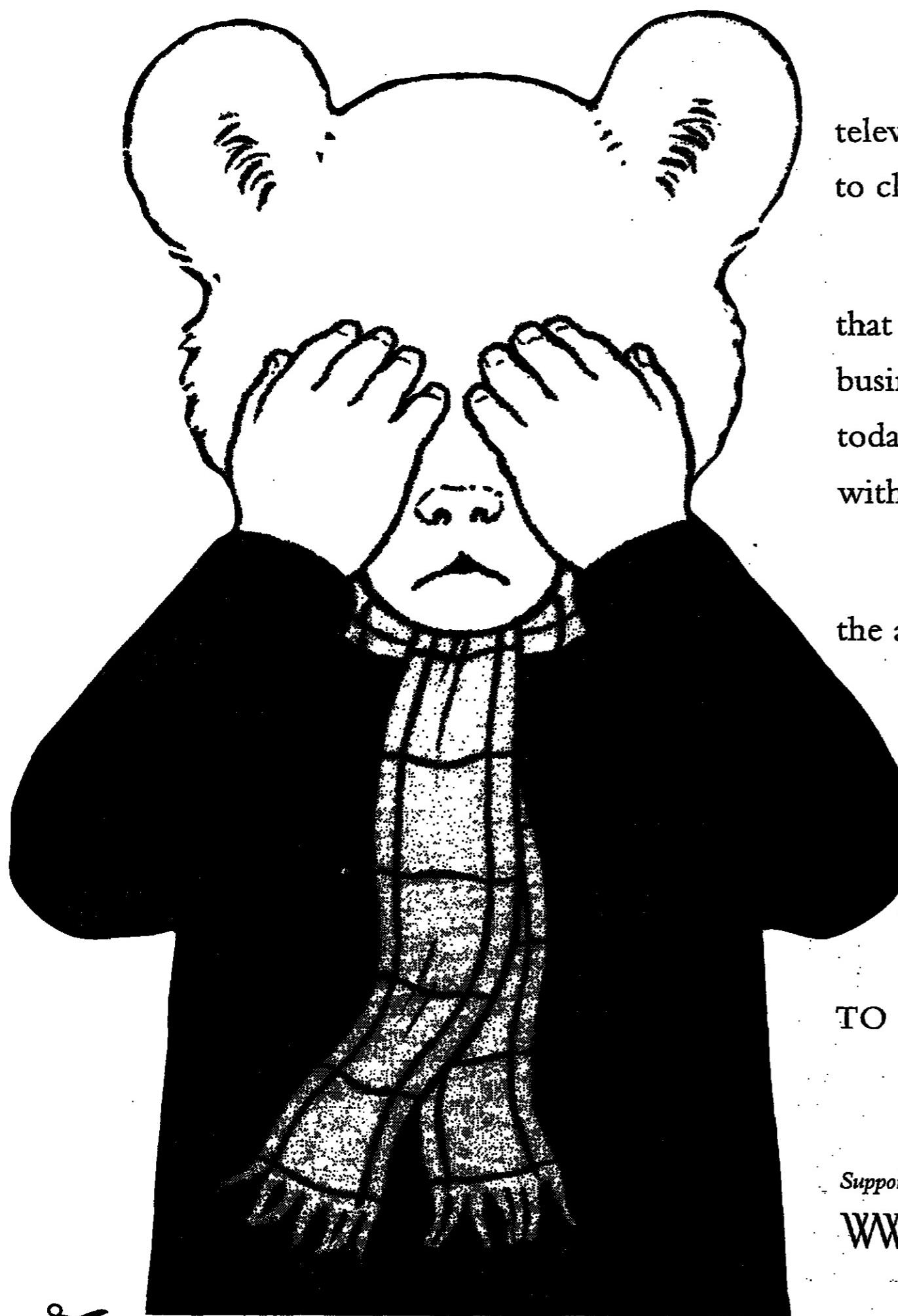
back almost as if it had been handpainted by its British designer, John Galliano himself.

Paltrow's marshmallow-pink satin dress by Ralph Lauren was a little too Princess Grace tight and clinging on top (even on skinny Gwynnie) and too voluminous below. Her newly lengthened tresses, last seen at the Golden

back almost as if it had



# PLEASE DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES TO CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.



You may have seen the NSPCC's recent television and poster campaign, asking people not to close their eyes to cruelty to children.

At the heart of this campaign lies the belief that protecting children from cruelty is everyone's business. That is why we are asking for your help today...because only by working in partnership with you can we achieve our goal.

Please sign the pledge below and return it to the address shown right now.

Signing the pledge is your way of telling us that you, too, want a future where all children are loved and protected, and that you will do what you can to help.

TOGETHER WE WILL STOP CRUELTY TO CHILDREN – FULL STOP.

*Thank you*

Supported by

WWAV Rapp Collins

**NSPCC**   
Gruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

PLEASE FILL IN YOUR PLEDGE AND RETURN TO: FREEPOST NSPCC

## SIGN HERE TO STOP CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

My PLEDGE in Partnership with the NSPCC  
*I promise to do all I can to help stop cruelty to children.*

TITLE (Mr/Mrs/Ms)	INITIALS	SURNAME	BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE
ADDRESS			

I am under 18 and my date of birth is: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

006925

X

SIGNED

I believe that protecting children is everybody's business and want a future where all children are loved and protected. Please send me information for the boxes I have ticked below:

PARTNER IN FUNDRAISING.  
Please tell me how to help at a local level e.g. delivering leaflets, or organising fundraising events of my own.

PARTNER IN CAMPAIGNING.

Please tell me how I can help spread awareness of the problem, distribute information and campaign for important new child protection measures through Parliament.

PARTNER IN GIVING.

Please tell me how I can support the NSPCC with a gift, to help protect more children from harm.

Everyone requesting further information will be sent our 'Partners in Protecting' leaflet which has details on how to protect children as part of your everyday life.  
PLEASE FILL IN YOUR PLEDGE AND RETURN TO: FREEPOST NSPCC

**NSPCC**   
Gruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Registered Charity No. 216401

More

Ex-officers  
halt foot  
disaster ca

Rembrandt ex

get inter

Ca  
CD-50  
in Ca

FreeCall 0800 0923 09

# More city homes to save the country

TOUGHER rules on housing developments in the countryside will be unveiled by the Government today.

Councils are to be told to adopt an approach in which the priority is given to converting offices and other redundant inner-city buildings and redeveloping derelict land. The rules could spell an end to developments such as Grazeley, a 2,500-home site planned in Berkshire south of the M4.

The tighter rules, to be announced by Richard Caborn, the Planning Minister, will also give priority to "city extensions" rather than "gated communities" on greenfield sites. The extensions should be built at higher densities to counter the threat of urban sprawl. This will also ensure that there are

enough people to support new shops, leisure facilities and bus services to counter unnecessary commuting, the Government believes.

Ministers have shied away from a precise figure, but may suggest densities of between 17 and 50 homes an acre far higher than the fewer than nine homes an acre in traditional suburban sites.

The new rules, dubbed the sequential approach, form part of the long-awaited Planning Policy Guidance 3, which has been drafted to fulfil John Prescott's pledge last year to end the "predict and provide" approach to housing, and to

counter the threat to the countryside from an estimated 4.4 million new homes needed by 2016.

The rules are also in response to growing disquiet among Labour's MPs in the shires who fear that their seats will be vulnerable if unbridled housing development continues.

Campaigners such as the Council for the Protection of Rural England have claimed that the existing planning rules are steering too many developments into greenfield and greenbelt areas. Tony Burton, of the council, said yesterday: "Previous policies have been unthinking. It has been far easier and

cheaper to build on greenfield sites." He said that several new countryside towns or settlements were in the pipeline, including Grazeley; Broadclyst, which will provide up to 3,000 homes in Devon; and up to 8,000 houses at Micheldever, Hampshire.

The new rules, making it far harder for such projects to get land allocated, are aimed at meeting and, it is hoped, exceeding the Government's target for pushing 60 per cent of the new dwellings into inner-city sites. The Government has been impressed by research and reports from groups including the Joseph Rowntree Trust, the UK

Round Table on Sustainable Development and consultants to the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. These have concluded that there is far more abandoned and vacant land in cities than many councils have included in local development plans.

Some places in the North West such as Manchester, Oldham and Lancaster, could accommodate 36 times more homes than they do. London could increase its housing capacity by 50 per cent if small parcels of land and redundant buildings were fully utilised, a government-backed report has concluded.

Under the new rules councils will

be required to seek out all suitable plots, assess the potential for conversions and take account of environmental considerations. These will include studies into how many homes could be built on a brownfield site if street parking were cut.

Studies in London suggest that reducing the number of car spaces to fewer than one a home could double the number of homes that could be built in the capital, to more than one million.

The Government announced last year that it had asked Ordnance Survey to draw up a land-use database to pinpoint every scrap of derelict land. Mr Caborn will urge local

authorities to make use of this to formulate their planning strategies.

The Government is also expected to require councils to take account of "windfall sites": parcels of land that suddenly come on to the market because, for example, a bus garage closes. Studies indicate that the amount of inner-city land that becomes available after councils have drawn up their ten-year plans can be as much as 20 per cent of a local authority's needs. At present councils can estimate windfall sites of only one acre or less when planning land releases, which means, critics say, that many councils release too much rural or greenfield land for development, which can be impossible to claw back.

## Ex-officers try to halt football disaster case

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWO former South Yorkshire police commanders began an attempt yesterday to order the Director of Public Prosecutions to take over and halt a private prosecution by relatives of those involved in the Hillsborough football stadium disaster.

Former Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield and former Superintendent Bernard Murray are accused of unlawful killing and wilful neglect of duty in a prosecution started last year by the Hillsborough Family Support Group. Mr Duckenfield is also accused of perverting the course of justice by lying over the circumstances in which a gate at the football ground was opened at the time of the disaster.

Ninety-six fans were killed in the tragedy during an FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at the Sheffield Wednesday ground in 1989.

Yesterday Michael Harrison, QC, for the two men, asked the Court of Appeal for leave to start a judicial review into the refusal of David Calvert-Smith, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, to stop the case. The men claim that Mr Calvert-Smith's decision was perverse and unrea-

sponsible and was based on unlawful and improper policy.

Mr Harrison told Lord Justice Laws, sitting with Mr Justice Cresswell and Mr Justice Latham, that the Hillsborough case had been subject to a series of investigations by the Crown Prosecution Service. Each time a prosecution had been ruled out.

The court was told that, when the CPS was asked to step in and halt the prosecution, it replied that the DPP would step in only if there was clearly no case to answer, the public interest favoured no action and a private prosecution would damage the interest of justice.

Mr Harrison asked what public interest factors were so strong that they overrode a decision to close it down.

The court will also be asked to decide whether the South Yorkshire police authority has the power to fund the former policeman's defence in a private prosecution and whether they should fund the action over the DPP's decision.

The police authority suspended financial support for the men in February after being given legal advice that it had no funding powers. The Hillsborough families' support the authority.



Ian Price said the masked men who grabbed him from behind were "cowards".

## Rembrandt export blocked

THE export of a Rembrandt oil painting was temporarily blocked by the Government yesterday to give British museums and galleries a chance to raise the £9.3 million asking price.

The sale of *Portrait of an Elderly Man*, painted in 1667, had been agreed between the

owners, the estate of Lord Cowdray, and a buyer from The Netherlands.

However, Alan Howarth, the Arts Minister, decided to block the deal until June 22, acting on the advice of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art that the painting, which was brought

to Britain in the mid-18th century, should remain in the country if possible.

If a prospective British buyer is making a serious attempt to raise the cash, but has not reached the required amount by the deadline, the block could be extended for three months to September 22.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Girl of 12 dies from meningitis

A girl aged 12 has died in hospital in Southampton a day after becoming ill at home with meningitis. Victoria Pass was a pupil at Noadswood Secondary School in Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire. Children who have been in close contact with her are being prescribed antibiotics.

Mike Barker, consultant in communicable diseases control for Southampton and South West Health Authority, said: "We believe this is a sporadic, unlinked case." Her headmaster, John Samuels, said that Victoria had suffered problems with her legs and feet in recent years and had shown determination through a number of operations. He added: "She was a cheerful, determined and popular girl and will be sadly missed."

#### Hunt barred

A hunt was barred from public land for breaching tightened guidelines. The Forestry Commission imposed a 31-day suspension on the New Forest Foxhounds after video evidence showed members letting hounds dig a fox from its lair.

#### Bowled out

Counterfeit cricket equipment with a bogus trademark of Gunn and Moore of Nottingham has been seized by trading standards officers in London. The company spotted fake versions of their gloves, pads and bats in a brochure.

#### Latin is rubbish

Worcester City Council has ordered an investigation after its motto *Civitas in Bello et Pace Fidelis* (City Faithful in War and Peace) was spotted as being misspelt *Fidelis* on a dustcart. It is also wrong on letterheads.

#### CORRECTION

Eluned Morgan MEP listed all her interests in full when she returned her declaration of interests form (report, March 6).

## Family of Ulster attack boy vow to defy threats

By MARTIN FLETCHER  
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE parents of a 13-year-old boy viciously beaten by loyalist paramilitaries yesterday insisted that he would defy their exile order and remain in Northern Ireland.

"He is coming home to me," declared Ian Price as his son, also named Ian, lay in a hospital bed with a shattered elbow, broken fingers and extensive cuts, bruising and puncture wounds inflicted by a gang of hooded men using nail-studded baseball bats.

Ian is believed to be one of the youngest people subjected to a paramilitary punishment beating, let alone an exile order. The attack is being attributed to the Ulster Defence Association.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, called it "barbaric and appalling". Adam Ingram, the Security Minister, said the paramilitaries had "stooped to a new low". The RUC called it an "absolutely horrific attack on a child".

The gang grabbed Ian as he was playing with friends in Newtownards, Co Down, at the weekend. The men made the other children sit and watch as they clubbed the boy for several minutes. They then



Grace Price son is "no angel, but has a heart"

## Men get it in the neck for snoring

By IAN MURRAY  
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

MEN are more likely to snore because the male neck is more muscular, say scientists who used a medical scanner to solve the puzzle.

Snoring is caused by soft tissue collapsing and obstructing the airways. This forces the sleeper to breath heavily to force them open, which causes the soft palate to vibrate. Logically, women should snore more because they have more body fat. It has been a mystery why women generally sleep more quietly than men.

However, researchers at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary used a magnetic resonance imaging scanner to examine the necks and airways of volunteers and found that men have a greater proportion of soft tissue in the neck than in the body as a whole because they have a larger amount of muscle there. Men also have bulkier tongues and soft palates.

The researchers, reporting in the specialist journal *The Lancet*, conclude that, when men fall asleep, the reduction in muscle tone means that the soft tissue collapses the airways and snoring results.

The volunteers, ten men and ten women, were matched closely for age and degree of obesity. All 20 said that they did not snore.

## Here's a tough one for homeowners:

**Do you want to earn 6.91%\* on your savings with no tax to pay**



Not a difficult question is it? So why do most of us put up with earning a low rate on our savings and paying an inflated rate on our borrowings - when the best thing we could do is to use our savings to reduce our borrowings.

The Virgin One account is a single account for all your banking and borrowing that makes all your money work harder for you. Any savings you pay into your One account reduce your borrowings and save you interest at a mortgage-style rate. And because it's interest saved rather than interest earned, the taxman doesn't take a penny. Best of all, you can get your savings back instantly when you need to - just like your normal bank or savings account.

This is just one of the ways the One account helps you to make the most of all your money, all the time. To find out more, call us now.

08456 000 001

**one account**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

To sort out the rest of your finances, call Virgin Direct on 0345 83 83 83 for PEPs, pensions & life cover.

The Virgin One account is a secured personal bank account with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT. Call us for an Essential Guide. Life insurance is required. You must be aged 18 or over. The One account must be repaid by the time you retire. The rate of interest depends on the amount borrowed compared to the value of your home. For example, if you borrowed £70,000 secured against a home worth £720,000, you would pay 6.7%. This rate is variable and correct at 3.39%. In this example, over 25 years a customer remortgaging a freehold home in England would pay 5.9% APR. This APR includes legal fees and our solicitors' and valuer's fees which you will have to pay. In this example these fees would amount to £432. You would also have to pay your own solicitor's fees. In calculating the APR we have assumed you will pay your solicitor £100. Paying your savings into the One account would reduce your borrowings and save you interest at 6.7%. Because interest is applied to the One account monthly the rate at which you save interest can be regarded as 6.91% (i.e. the rate expressed as an annual equivalent rate). If your account goes into credit, the rate earned is 6.5% (3.5% APR). An example of what you might earn in a savings account is 6% before deduction of tax in an Egg instant access savings account (6% APR). Source: Moneyfacts March 1999. Calls are recorded and randomly monitored. The Virgin One account is not currently available in Northern Ireland. Virgin Direct Personal Finance Ltd, Discovery House, Whiting Road, Norwich, NR4 6EL. Representative only of Virgin Direct Personal Financial Services Ltd which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority for life insurance, pensions and unit trust business and represents only the Virgin Direct Marketing group.

### Get the Internet bug



#### Celebrate Disney/Pixar's A Bug's Life with a free CD-ROM from Cable & Wireless Internet Lite.

It's crawling with movie trailers, bloopers, games, an off-line Internet guided tour, and more. It also helps you get on the Internet for real with Cable & Wireless Internet Lite, so you can have even more fun at [www.bugslife.co.uk](http://www.bugslife.co.uk) then e-mail all your friends! It's easy with Internet Lite. There's no hassle and no monthly fee, just a once-only £10 payment. So get the Internet bug by calling for your free CD-ROM pack quoting ref. RAPB.

FreeCall 0800 0923 018

**CABLE & WIRELESS**

# WORK AT HOME, PLAY AT HOME, SAVE AT TINY!

# SALE SAVE £235



## Home Executive System 400

**INTEL® CELERON™ PROCESSOR 400MHz**

128MB Fast SD RAM 100MHz  
(expandable to 256MB)

10GB Ultra DMA Hard Disk Drive  
(2x Transfer Rate)

17" SVGA .28 Colour Monitor

ATI Xpert 98 8MB 3D AGP

Graphics Card

Voice Fax/Modem

Windows®98

Joystick

DVD ROM Drive compatible  
with CD\*

Epson Stylus 300 Colour Printer

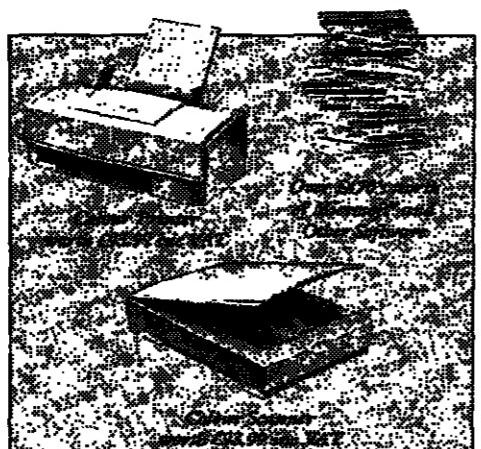
Flatbed Colour Scanner

USB Video Camera with  
VideoPhone & VideoMail Software

Anti Virus Software

Over £470 of Microsoft® and  
other Software,  
including MS Works 4.5,

MS Encarta '99, Flight Simulator '98



**WAS  
£1199  
£1408.23  
inc VAT**

**SALE PRICE  
£999 ex VAT  
£1173.83  
inc VAT**

PRICES EXCLUDE DELIVERY

FOR MORE INFORMATION FREEPHONE

**0800  
731 9372**

**think big about your PC... think TINY**

TINY COMPUTERS LIMITED, REDHILL BUSINESS PARK, BORNEBURY ROAD, Salford, REDHILL, SURRY RH1 5TB. FAX 01293 822 514. [www.tiny.com](http://www.tiny.com)

**0%** NOT OVER A DEPOSIT

NOT FOR TRADE OR BUSINESS USE. 12 MONTHS PAYMENT PLAN. 24.9% APR. 24 MONTHS PAYMENT PLAN. 29.9% APR.

24.9% APR. Interest calculated from date of the agreement. 12 Month payment plan. 24 Month payment plan.

All trademarks acknowledged. All prices and manufacturers specifications are subject to change without notice. Please check availability before ordering. Goods are offered for sale subject to standard conditions of sale available on request. ©1999. Intel Inside Logo and Pentium are registered trademarks of the Intel Corporation.

**think  
BIG  
SAVINGS  
think  
tiny**

● When we say nothing to pay until March 2000 we mean it - not even a deposit, unlike some. And this applies to all our systems, not just a chosen few.

**NOTHING  
TO PAY  
UNTIL MARCH 2000  
On All Systems**

**Home Budget  
System 333**

Intel® Celeron™ Processor  
333MHz  
64MB Fast SD RAM  
4.3GB Ultra DMA Hard Disk Drive  
16MB 3D AGP Graphics Card  
32 Speed Max CD ROM Drive  
Epson Stylus 300 Colour Printer  
Over 5000 Microsoft and  
Other Software, including  
Microsoft Works 4.5 and  
MS Money 99

**WAS  
£1199  
£1408.23  
inc VAT**  
**NOW  
£999  
£1173.83  
inc VAT**  
PRICES EXCLUDE DELIVERY

- All Tiny PCs have only Intel processors inside - enough said.
- All cables for your peripheral products are included in the price. Some others charge extra!
- Quality software that you will actually use - not dust gatherers.
- Free Microsoft Windows 98 Interactive Tutorial Software.
- Naturally all Tiny PCs are Year 2000 guaranteed millennium bug free.
- Every Tiny PC is compatible with Microsoft software and is PC98 certified.
- The option of Tiny's unique warranty with free insurance including accidental damage.
- Tiny PCs come with the recommendation of experts...

*"They did particularly well... with colour coded connectors and cables and a superb manual which includes pictures of the PC"*  
Computer Active January 1999

**93 SHOWROOMS  
NATIONWIDE**

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK\*

MOST OPEN 8AM TO 8PM MON-SAT

BEXLEYHEATH NOW OPEN

BERMONSY

ASTONHEATH

BESTWICK

BEXLEYHEATH

BIRKENHEAD

BIRMINGHAM

COTTON

BOLINGBROOK

BRAEMAR

BRIGHTON

BROMLEY

CAMBRIDGE

CARDIFF

CHESTERFIELD

CHELTENHAM

CHESTER

COLDRETHORPE

COVENTRY

CROYDON

DARBY

DUNCASTER

DUDLEY

EARLIER

EDINBURGH

ELSTREE

ELTHAM

GLASGOW

GOECESTER

GUILDFORD

GRESLEY

HAMMERSMITH

HARROW

HOUNSFIELD

HUDSONS

IPSWICH

KINGSTON

LAKESIDE

LANCASHIRE

LAWTON

LEEDS

LIVERPOOL

LONDON

LONDON W2

LONDON W3

LONDON W4

LONDON W5

LONDON W6

LONDON W7

LONDON W8

LONDON W9

LONDON W10

LONDON W11

LONDON W12

LONDON W13

LONDON W14

LONDON W15

LONDON W16

LONDON W17

LONDON W18

LONDON W19

LONDON W20

LONDON W21

LONDON W22

LONDON W23

LONDON W24

LONDON W25

LONDON W26

LONDON W27

LONDON W28

LONDON W29

LONDON W30

LONDON W31

LONDON W32

LONDON W33

LONDON W34

LONDON W35

LONDON W36

LONDON W37

LONDON W38

LONDON W39

LONDON W40

LONDON W41

LONDON W42

LONDON W43

LONDON W44

LONDON W45

LONDON W46

LONDON W47

LONDON W48

LONDON W49

LONDON W50

LONDON W51

LONDON W52

LONDON W53

LONDON W54

LONDON W55

LONDON W56

LONDON W57

LONDON W58

LONDON W59

LONDON W60

LONDON W61

LONDON W62

LONDON W63

LONDON W64

LONDON W65

LONDON W66

LONDON W67

LONDON W68

LONDON W69

LONDON W70

LONDON W71

LONDON W72

LONDON W73

LONDON W74

LONDON W75

LONDON W76

LONDON W77

LONDON W78

LONDON W79

LONDON W80

LONDON W81

LONDON W82

LONDON W83

LONDON W84

LONDON W85

LONDON W86

LONDON W87

LONDON W88

LONDON W89

LONDON W90

LONDON W91

THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999



A young Kosovo refugee gives a victory sign from the safety of Macedonia yesterday

# Serbs pursue scorched earth strategy

UNFORGIVING and unabated, the Serb offensive swept onwards through the Drenica region of central Kosovo yesterday beneath a pall of smoke from villages that burned on all points of the compass.

"If the outside world doesn't help us soon there will be nothing left for us Albanians but a shared grave," said one refugee; Alina Shabani, 60, as he fled southwards through Langa, which by late morning was itself coming under mortar fire. His village, Rezala, had suffered Serb bombardment on Sunday. Packing 25 of his family on to carts, he had walked beside them for three hours through the forest, and had another two hours of road before him until he reached the sanctuary of friends.

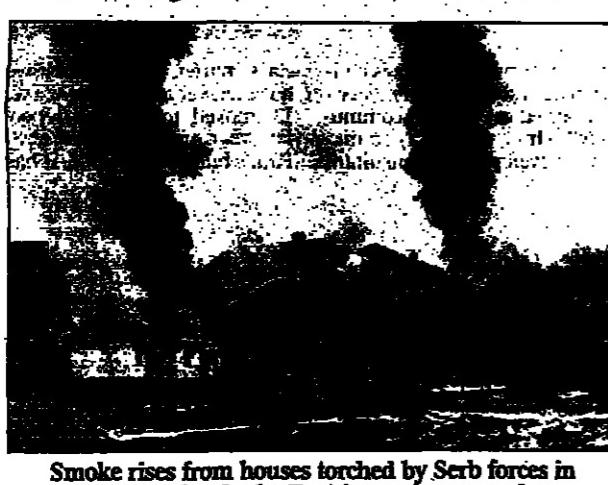
"Where is Nato? We signed the agreement. They promised to protect us if we signed and we did. If we don't get help from the outside world there will be a massive catastrophe for our people. We shall die."

Other refugees in his column were fleeing Likovac, one-time headquarters of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), now also under shell-

**Rebels regroup as refugees beg for help, writes Anthony Loyd in Gornja Klima**

fire and ground attack. North of the Srbica-Kosovare road, the axis of advance that the Serbs took to bisect Drenica two days ago, plumes of smoke rose from village after village, destroyed as Yugoslav forces hammered KLA pockets back towards the anvil of the Cicevica mountain range seized by the Serbs last week.

With the news of the assaults on Likovac and Rezala it seems that they have now turned their advance southwards too. Drenica is being carved and crushed, piece-meal. In Gornja Klima, two miles north of Srbica, Serb troops stepped from flaming houses as on the road below them pathetic groups of Albanian women and children milled about in listless shock.



Smoke rises from houses torched by Serb forces in Gornja Klima in the Drenica region yesterday

They escape routes blocked, they had no idea where to run to. Serbian police brazenly loaded a truck with looted possessions. Macabrely, a rope noose swung inside gutted house, while the silhouettes of howitzers poked skywards on the smoking horizon.

The offensive has rippled gunfire across Kosovo, and the Serbs are not having it all their own way. On Sunday night four policemen died in a hall of Kalashnikov fire just north of the centre of Pristina. Another two were wounded beside them by a drive-by KLA team.

Hours earlier, on the road between Srbica and Studencane, 28 miles south of Pristina, I saw Serb special police and Yugoslav Army troops crouching among rubble as they prepared to withdraw in disorder from blazing houses ignited when their patrol was ambushed by KLA guerrillas.

When the verifiers of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe were present the Serbs' access along this route was usually guaranteed by negotiation. Now these men have gone, all bets are off. The Serbs seemed almost surprised by their fate. "There are many terrorists in the hills," a shaken officer said from behind the cover of his vehicle.

Even in Glogovac, centre point of the Serbs' advance, the Yugoslav military was running into problems. KLA fighters crept through their lines on Sunday, planting charges beneath bridges on either side of the town. The blasts failed to bring the bridges down, but one was rendered impassable. "The whole thing is sliding out of control," a Western diplomat in Skopje, Macedonia, said. "If Nato does want to act it must do so very fast."

Letters, page 19

RAC cover  
from just

£39

- Membership covers you as the driver or passenger in any car, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Average call out time of just 37 minutes
- Our highly trained patrols fix 80% of breakdowns
- You can tailor your cover to suit your individual requirements
- The RAC was ranked Number 1 in the 1998 J.D. Power Customer Satisfaction Survey\*
- It's easy to join, call now & pay by credit, debit or charge card, or by Direct Debit instalments

For instant cover  
0800 029 029

Quoting DST208

RAC

movement  
drives us

www.rac.co.uk

Phone held open Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm. Free 24hr helpline. The service fee used in conjunction with any other offer, is not transferable and is only available to new members. Cover ends from 0800 if paying by a continuous payment method and is subject to terms and conditions. Terms of membership which are available on request. Information correct at time of going to press. Based on insurance from 4,418 owners and drivers of H-reg vehicles who required roadside assistance.

## FORCES COMPARED

### YUGOSLAV FORCES

AIR FORCE	NAVY
16,700 personnel	7,500 personnel
80 MiGs	4 submarines
10 other combat aircraft	4 frigates
100 vehicles	15 air defence artillery regiments
1,500 anti-aircraft pieces	8 Sam missile battalions
500 anti-infantry pieces	8 SAM units with 24 Sam 2s, 16 Sam 3s
200 anti-artillery pieces	15 air defence artillery regiments

### AIR DEFENCE

AIR DEFENCE	ARMY
1000 pieces	1,270 tanks
1,570 combat infantry fighting	1,570 combat infantry fighting
1,500 anti-aircraft pieces	1,500 anti-aircraft pieces
500 anti-infantry pieces	500 anti-infantry pieces
200 anti-artillery pieces	200 anti-artillery pieces

### ALLIED FORCES

AIR FORCE	NAVY
Total: 350	
including:	
US: 240	4 warships armed with Tomahawks
Incl: 20 F15Es	USS Philippine Sea, guided missile cruiser
40 F16Cs, CJs	USS Theodore Roosevelt, USS Nimitz, destroyers
10 A10s	2 guided missiles with Tomahawks
10 F15Cs	US Navy's US Miamis
5 F16s	Royal Navy
2 EDS	2 attack submarines with Tomahawks
Battalion: 8 Harrier GR7s	HMS Splendid
2 Tornadoes	1 frigate: HMS Iron Duke
France: 10 Mirages	

## Milosevic faces cruise missile storm

Defence planners are keen to retain an element of surprise, reports Michael Evans, defence editor

HUNDREDS of cruise missiles, some on board *HMS Splendid*, the Royal Navy's first Tomahawk-armed submarine, are being prepared for launching at Yugoslav military targets if President Milosevic rejects last-ditch diplomatic efforts.

Although Nato has been giving the Yugoslav leader almost daily warnings of possible airstrikes, alliance planners will be keen to retain an element of surprise if final approval is given for bombing targets in Yugoslavia.

Theoretically, if the latest diplomatic moves fail to persuade Mr Milosevic to approve the peace plan for Kosovo, bombing could begin within 24 to 48 hours.

It could be a false assumption for Belgrade to believe that the bombing necessarily would be delayed until Vojevin Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister, has completed his visit to Washington this week, or until after the European Union summit meeting in Berlin tomorrow.

Yesterday, after a meeting of the North Atlantic Council, Nato's 19 ambassadors gave full authority to Javier Solana, the alliance Secretary-General, to order airstrikes, extending the authority given in January. Approval was given for a wide variety of military targets throughout Yugoslavia, not just air defence sites.

Nato has about 350 aircraft available for a bombing campaign, reduced in number since last month because of the departure to the Gulf of the American aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise*.

However, the initial punch would be provided by warships and aircraft armed with cruise missiles. They consist of eight American B52 bombers, now on 24-hour notice at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, as well as four US Navy

surface ships, two American attack submarines and the Royal Navy's nuclear-powered submarine, all in the Adriatic and Mediterranean. The Navy Tomahawks have a range of 800 miles.

In the Commons, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, confirmed that *HMS Splendid* was in the area and "available for operations in connection with the crisis in Kosovo".

The surface-to-air missiles have also been updated with Russian technology, especially the mobile Sam 6s.

The Sam missile radars had also been given a new anti-jamming capability, he said, which would make it more difficult for allied aircraft to hit their targets.

Mr Beaver said that the Yugoslav Army and Air Force

had about 1,000 Sam missile launchers and 2,000 anti-aircraft guns. The latter could fire several thousand rounds a minute, which would pose a threat to low-flying aircraft and to the subsonic "hedge-hopping" cruise missiles.

An added problem for allied aircraft is that if the targets selected for the wider campaign include Yugoslav tank concentrations in Kosovo, there will be a high risk of killing civilians if Mr Milosevic orders his tanks to shelter in or near ethnic Albanian villages once airstrikes begin.

The Americans have about 200 aircraft in the region, supplemented by 150 other allied planes. The US jets include about a dozen F117 Stealth

fighters and 20 of the deadly F15 Strike Eagles, flown last month to the Italian base of Aviano from RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk. About ten tank-busting A10 Thunderbolts are also at Aviano, redeployed from Spangdahlem in Germany.

The aircraft with the biggest firepower are the B52s, which delivered 40 per cent of all weapons dropped by coalition forces during Operation Desert Storm in 1991, and the B2 Spirit Stealth bomber, located at Whiteman air force base in Missouri.

The B2, which would fly non-stop from Missouri to Yugoslavia with mid-air refuelling, has a wing span equivalent to more than half the length of a football pitch but a radar signature the size of a bird, making it one of the most difficult aircraft for the Yugoslav radars to spot.

**Yeltsin has IMF on his mind**

FROM ANNA BLUNDY  
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday at last submitted the 1993 Star-2 nuclear arms reduction treaty to the Duma for ratification. The move, on the eve of his Prime Minister's visit to Washington, is being interpreted as an attempt to mollify the Americans and encourage the International Monetary Fund to come up with some money.

Despite mounting tension between Russia and America over Kosovo, it is considered unlikely in Moscow that Nato will carry out airstrikes during Vojevin Primakov's visit.

But Moscow is in no position to argue about it. Mr Primakov is now desperate for at least some of the delayed \$4.6 billion (£2.8 billion) instalment of the IMF stabilisation loan and is keen to show that Russia is playing by the rules.

The country is now the IMF's biggest borrower and is so impoverished that this year's budget is \$25 billion, a sum the United States spends in under a week.

**Say 'yes' to the new Freestyle® Mortgage and see what we'll say.**

**"No Mortgage  
Indemnity Guarantee."**

**"No legal fees on  
remortgages."**

**"No hassle to  
arrange."**

The new Freestyle Mortgage from Standard Life Bank doesn't just offer consistently attractive interest rates, it also offers remarkable flexibility.

When you can afford it, you can make lump sum or extra monthly payments at any time to pay off your mortgage earlier, which saves you money. This money can be borrowed back at any time if required. We'll even let you take up to two months' payment holiday each year.

It's also easy to switch; there are no arrangement fees and we'll refund your standard valuation fee when the mortgage is completed. We'll even pay your legal costs if you remortgage.

Arranging a Freestyle Mortgage couldn't be simpler - just speak to your Financial Adviser or call us now.



STANDARD LIFE BANK

4.55%

For the first 12 months

### FREESTYLE® AT A GLANCE

<b>Great Deal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly competitive interest rates.</li> <li>• Interest calculated daily.</li> <li>• No extra charges.</li> </ul>
<b>Fee Free</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No arrangement fees.</li> <li>• No Mortgage Indemnity Guarantee premium.</li> <li>• No legal fees for remortgages.</li> <li>• Refund of standard valuation fee.</li> </ul>
<b>Flexible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to two payment holidays each year.</li> <li>• Ability to pay off more quickly - by additional monthly or lump sum payments.</li> </ul>
<b>Quick &amp; Easy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal agreement and quote in a matter of minutes.</li> <li>• Completed paperwork - all you have to do is sign.</li> </ul>

### FREESTYLE® MORTGAGES

0845 845 8450

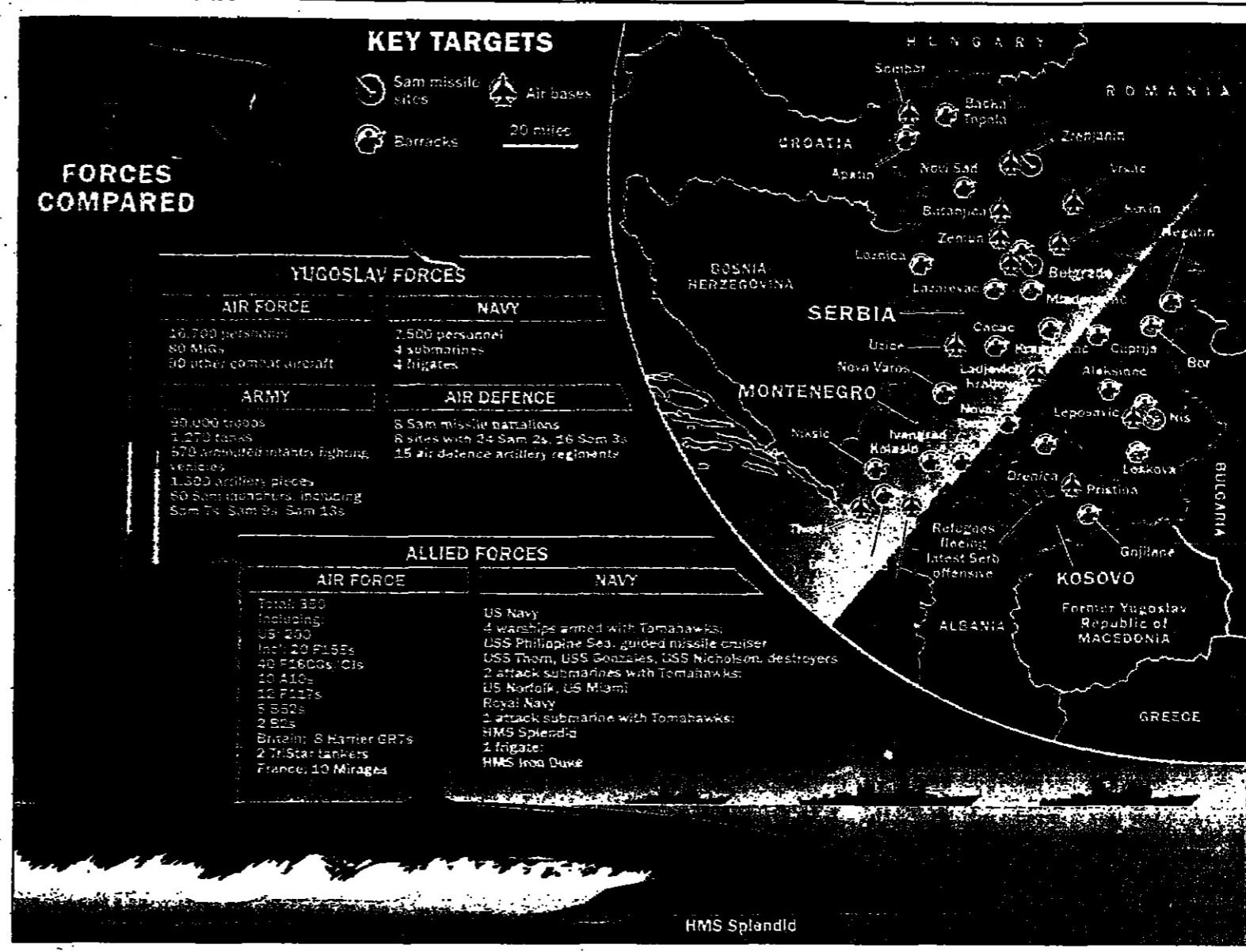
Mortgages have never been simpler

http://www.standardlifebank.com

Standard Life is at risk if you do not keep up repayments on a mortgage or other loan secured on it. Written quotations are available on request. Typical example: Purchase price £60,000, repayment mortgage of £60,000 taken over 25 years, charged at 4.55% Discounted Variable Rate for 6 months then 5.05% Standard Variable Rate, 6 monthly payments of £315.50 gross. Total amount payable £16,257, including standard valuation fee of £125 and solicitors' fee of £175. APR of 6.1% variable. For the 6 month discounted period, an early settlement charge equivalent to 90 days' gross interest at the Standard Variable Rate on the initial sum advanced will apply to redemption within the first 12 months. Payment in arrears will be allowed after the first 6 monthly payments have been made and subject to ability to pay and available equity. Payment of legal fees for remortgaging only applies if Standard Life's solicitors are used. Standard valuation fee will be refunded on completion of the mortgage. Telephone calls will be monitored and recorded to help us improve customer service. Standard Life Bank Limited, Standard Life House, 30 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2DH is an introducer Representative only of Standard Life, which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority, for life assurance, pensions and investments.

Leading article, page 19

KOSOVO 11





The home of a Madurese immigrant is torched in ethnic clashes in Kalimantan

## Borneo sinks into ethnic bloodletting

MORE than 100 people have been killed on Borneo island in ethnic clashes among Indonesians in which victorious warriors have been parading the heads of victims. The ritual savagery has forced thousands to flee their homes which have been summarily pillaged and torched.

Thousands have now taken refuge in Pontianak, the regional capital of Kalimantan or Indonesian Borneo. Reports said more than 15,000 Madurese fled in cars and boats or were evacuated in military trucks to escape the gangs of ethnic Malay, Dayak and Bugis men hunting them down with spears, sickles, pitchforks, daggers, bamboo staves and swords. Bodies of victims have been cut open and their hearts eaten.

Security officials admitted yesterday that the death toll of 114 accounted only for the bodies counted by the military. Many more are believed to have died. General Wiranto, the Armed Forces commander, said yesterday that he was deploying more troops amid concern that the unrest might spread.

**Minority reaps bitter harvest of Jakarta's land policy, writes David Watts**

For the most part the military has stayed clear of the conflict. Police and soldiers did not intervene as rioters in the town of Sambas systematically smashed and burnt home after home. Security forces have passed severed heads in the road without stopping. They have let armed men roar

The Madurese were moved into Kalimantan by government fiat over the years since Madura island is extremely poor and barely able to support its population of three million. Resentment among the local communities has been mounting as job opportunities have gone to the Madurese.

The Indonesian authorities have consistently failed to deal with complaints against the Madurese. The most immediate cause of the unrest appears

through towns on motorcycles and in lorries.

Even ethnic Chinese, the frequent target of resentment elsewhere in Indonesia because they dominate commerce, are pitching in. As gangs ransacked and burned houses near Sambas, Chinese shopkeepers drove up in a van and distributed boxes of water and dried noodles.

In similar bloodletting in late 1996 and early 1997, Dayak men assaulted Madurese communities, and soldiers trying to halt the fighting fired on mobs in some instances. Human rights groups say up to 500 people died.

Indonesia's transmigration policy, in which landless farmers are moved to other provinces, has been carried out for

more than ten years using foreign aid. In spite of the ethnic tensions inherent in the strategy, the policy has been aimed principally at relieving tensions and overcrowding on Java to make life better for the elite Javanese who have little time for unsophisticated tribal people such as the Dayaks and the Madurese.

The authoritarian regime of former President Suharto was largely successful in keeping a lid on the social tensions that have always lingered in Indonesia, which has 210 million people and more than 13,000 islands. But his tight controls have unraveled as Indonesia moves toward democracy.

For the Government in Jakarta a continuing failure to address the ethnic and regional tensions could store up more trouble for it at a time when there is serious concern being expressed about the viability of the Indonesian archipelago continuing to remain under one administration.

The ethnic problems in Kalimantan come after weeks of religious clashes between Christians and Muslims on the spice island of Amboina.

For the moment East Timor is enjoying a period of quiet after violent clashes between pro-Indonesian and pro-independence factions. Aotearoa, on the northern tip of Sumatra and the seat of an historically powerful sultanate, has long wanted to secede.



Two tribesmen congratulate each other after burning homes in northwest Kalimantan, where a Malay woman and her Madurese grandchild, below, were among those forced to take refuge in a military barracks



### WORLD SUMMARY

#### China-US links hit 'low point'

Hong Kong: William Perry, the former US Defence Secretary, said yesterday that growing anti-Chinese rhetoric in Washington posed one of the greatest risks to security in the Asian-Pacific area. He told the Asia Society: "I cannot point to a time in recent history when I was more concerned about the relationship." He added that opposition to the US policy of China engagement seems to be growing and could yet gain the ascendancy. (Reuters)

#### Reef talks open

Manila: China took a hard-line stance at a "confidence-building" meeting between itself and the Philippines over Beijing's military structures on the disputed Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands.

#### Cyclone strikes

Perth: Cyclone Vance, with winds of up to 185mph, left a trail of destruction along the northwest coast of Western Australia. Exmouth, 800 miles northwest of Perth, bore the brunt. (AFP)

#### Beduin must go

Jerusalem: Israel is preparing to deport to Egypt some 800 Beduin who fled the Sinai following a blood feud with a rival tribe. It is also seeking assurances about how Egypt will protect the Beduin.

#### Prisoner swap

Islamabad: Pakistan and India swapped civilian prisoners for the first time in ten years, Foreign Minister, Sartaj Aziz, said. Pakistan handed over 15 in exchange for 43 at the border near Lahore. (AFP)

#### Cult man charged

Melbourne: Alistair Laishkovich, 71, a cult leader with nine wives and 65 children, faces 22 charges including indecent assault and causing injury to four children aged eight, nine and ten. (AFP)



**IBERIA**  
No. 1 TO SPAIN AND LATIN AMERICA.

Try Iberia's new Intercontinental Business Class and enjoy a world class experience on a world class airline. Outstretching the competition is our business. Iberia gives you 132 cms. of room between your ergonomically designed seat and the one in front. Relax in style and made-to-measure comfort while away the time watching films, sports or news on your individual video [www.iberia.com](http://www.iberia.com)

الإمارات

THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

OVERSEAS NEWS 13

# Culture clash as France grapples with sleaze

A SPATE of scandals involving sex, fraud and nepotism has catalogued France into a struggle between "Gallic flamboyance and northern European reticence."

Amid the fallout from Edith Cresson's ignominious departure from Brussels, the French have been stunned by sleaze allegations against President Chirac and Roland Dumas, the country's most senior judge. The traditional shrug with which French society has greeted such affairs in the past has suddenly been made to look misplaced in the wake of the European Commission's resignation.

In an interview yesterday, M. Dumas admitted that it would be very difficult for him to remain as head of the Constitutional Council, the French equivalent of the US Supreme Court. His comment was

stark evidence of the tensions pulling at a country that feels both pride and guilt at its Mediterranean roots.

Widespread sympathy for M. Dumas emphasises French attachment to the cultural style established by Napoleon. But that co-exists with a recognition that such customs place France at odds with the democratic accountability demanded by northern European electorates.

Many politicians have grudgingly accepted the view that they will have to change their ways if they want to remain a force in Europe, although some are still convinced that it is the dull, honest, no-sex northerners who will have to change.

The Cresson affair has been enormously important because French people have been able to see what criteria other coun-

tries use." Michel Martin-Roland, an author and commentator, said. "They were astonished at the Commission's resignation. This is the start of big changes."

He cited the Dumas scandal as a case in point. Instinctively, voters are sympathetic to the handsome 76-year-old former Foreign Minister. So what if he had a mistress? they ask. So what if the mistress was given Fr660 million (£6.7 million) to lobby him on behalf of the oil group, Elf Aquitaine? So what if some of the money found its way into his bank account?

Yet although the French can under-

stand their leaders' need for a little sex and money, they cannot forgive anyone who brings *grandeur* into disrepute. And that is where M. Dumas is perceived to have done. His fellow citizens may smile at his antics, but they realise, in the wake of the crisis in Brussels, that he looks like an irresponsible clown to northern eyes.

Alain Madelin, leader of the right-wing Liberal Democracy party, said: "Roland Dumas is giving France an awful image."

As a result, most voters agree with M. Madelin that M. Dumas should resign.

Similar arguments apply to Mme Cres-

son. In France, the nepotism that brought her downfall is a way of life. Indeed, it would have been mean of her to refuse a job to her long-time friend, René Berthelot, many believe. According to the journalist Christine Ockrent, Mme Cresson fell victim to the "rigid, hypocritical Protestant culture that is dominant in Europe". Like most of her compatriots, Mme Ockrent is dismissive of that culture, "with his obsession about sex". Yet she accepts that France must adapt to it or face the fate that befell Mme Cresson. "The tendency is towards more transparency, even if we will never become Swedish," she said.

But there are limits to the evolution. Last week it emerged that an investigating magistrate had obtained a letter implicating President Chirac in a scandal dat-

ing from 1993. Yvan Bot, the state prosecutor, ruled on Friday that there was strong evidence to suggest that M. Chirac had been guilty of fraud. But M. Bot added that the head of state enjoyed immunity as long as he remained in office. Yesterday, politicians and commentators closed ranks around M. Chirac in a sign that old Gallic reflexes die hard, no matter what the northern Europeans say.

A brief look at history suggests that M. Chirac will survive. For the past 200 years periodic bouts of popular anger have invariably been followed by the quest for a ruler with panache, an iron fist and the ability to turn a blind eye to misde- meurs. From Bonaparte to de Gaulle and Mitterrand, such leaders have always been appreciated.

## Blair backs Prodi to lead reformed EU

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR,  
AND CHARLES BRENNER IN BRUSSELS

TONY BLAIR is expected to-morrow to back Romano Prodi, the former Italian Prime Minister, as the next head of the European Commission and the man he wants to be Europe's "chief executive" into the next century.

Amid signs that Europe's leaders may now try to settle on a successor to Jacques Santer at the two-day summit in Berlin, Mr Blair was reported last night to regard Signor Prodi as a man of "considerable ability, a real reformer and a highly personal".

Over recent days Mr Blair has let it be known that he would be happy with both Signor Prodi and Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister. But he has spoken to Mr Kok who has given indications he will not throw his hat into the ring.

Other European Union states have also indicated they will back Signor Prodi; in particular Germany, which holds the European Union presidency. Giving an upbeat view, Joschka Fischer, the German Foreign Minister, said the EU leaders hoped to put forward the name of the new nominee

to the European Parliament for its endorsement early next month. That would mean reaching a unanimous accord in Berlin.

While Signor Prodi is by far the most likely candidate, a final accord will be complicated by the need to achieve a deal on revamping EU finances in Berlin. The presidency decision will be part of the horse-trading among leaders over re-forming the EU budget.

Britain offered warm praise yesterday for the way the German presidency, bitterly attacked last month by the French Government, had handled budget negotiations.

That appeared to be confirmation that Britain now expects Gerhard Schröder to step back from a row over Britain's £2 billion rebate. Britain supports ideas to amend the way EU budget contributions are made, moving away from the present VAT-based system to one tilted towards gross national product. That would have the impact of reducing Britain and Germany's gross contributions; as a result the size of the rebate would also fall.



Aleksandr Lebed, still busy freeing Russian hostages from Chechnya, is embroiled in a Krasnoyarsk power struggle that he must win if he wants to be President

## Lebed offers Russia recipe for iron rule

Anna Blundy  
meets a general  
talking tough on  
law and order

RUSSIA is a brutal country and people need to be taught what they can and cannot do. So growls Aleksandr Lebed, gritty Governor of Krasnoyarsk and a key presidential contender. He adds: "Why do people kill wolves? Because the wolves interfere with and threaten their way of life."

General Lebed, 48, is a fervent believer in the death penalty and a passionate opponent of Russia's two-year moratorium on capital punishment. "The murderer is not a man, but a beast who should be shot," he says — a view many crime-wearied Russians are likely to support.

As the present regime sets about destroying itself with a depressingly familiar round of scandals and in-fighting, the general, with his military abruptness and no-nonsense air, is beginning to some to seem an attractive alternative.

It is a tense time for the general, who is head of the Independent Organisation for Bringing Peace to the North Caucasus. Peace there is fragile and events have conspired to shatter it — not least a television report that a recently freed Russian soldier, taken hostage in 1991, was bought and sold as a slave during his eight years of captivity.

As the man who signed the peace with Chechnya after its

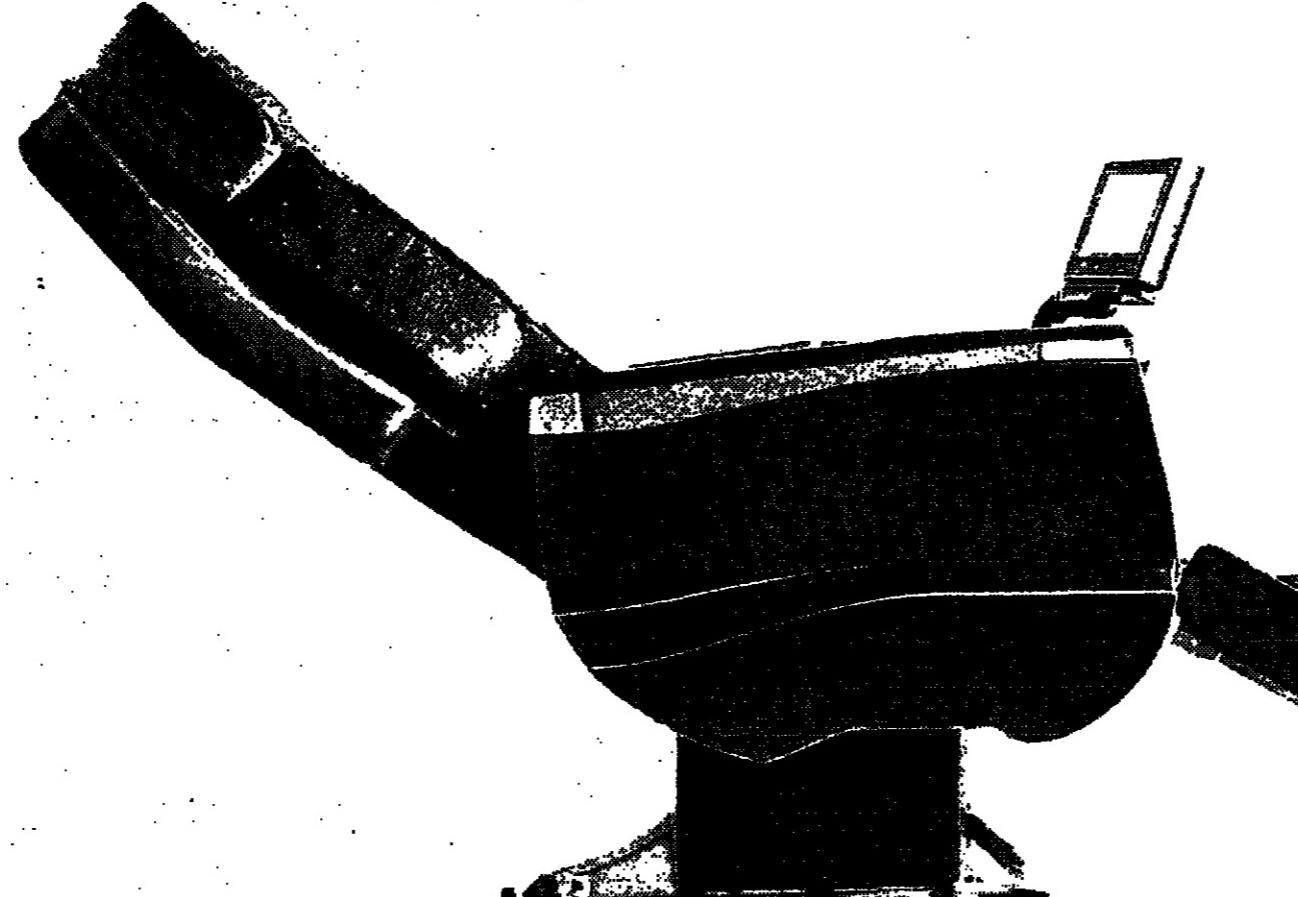
disastrous war with Russia in 1996, General Lebed is naturally worried by the mounting threat of conflict.

Just as Aslan Maskhadov, President of Chechnya, and Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister, agreed to meet, a bomb in Vladikavkaz, capital of North Ossetia, killed 80 people, and an assassination attempt was made on Mr Maskhadov himself.

Both events have made the freeing of Russian hostages from Chechnya — one of General Lebed's principal goals — more difficult. Not the most charismatic of men, his strong point is action, not conversation. As he discussed the hostages, his desk in Russia's Upper House of Parliament is strewn with letters and photographs from the families of some 100 Russian servicemen missing in Chechnya.

He clearly feels a deep responsibility for those left behind. They are not high-profile hostages and little publicity is given to their plight. Analysts agree that only if he proves victorious will his presidential bid — he is currently trailing fourth in presidential succession polls — be taken seriously in 2000.

We've  
outstretched the  
competition.



screen, make a call from your seat on your personal telephone or treat your palate to a Mediterranean Cuisine inspired choice of three menus, amongst many other possibilities. And when you've landed and had time to reflect, you'll have no doubt as to why Iberia is today one of the leading business airlines of the world.

Distance measured between rows.



Business  
INTERCONTINENTAL



Anderson: was held captive for six years

## Hostage sues Iran for \$100m

FROM IAN BRODIE  
IN WASHINGTON

THE American journalist Terry Anderson who was held hostage for six years in Lebanon by Hezbollah, yesterday sued Iran — as the sponsor of his captors — for damages of \$100 million (£61.7 million).

In doing so, he put himself on a collision course with the Clinton Administration, which is blocking the efforts of Americans to recover damages.

Lawyers for Mr Anderson — working on a no-win, no fee basis — say that government objections include possible future complications in dealings with the countries. Iran, for example, holds US property on its soil, just as the US Government has custody of Iranian property in America.

Mr Anderson has little expectation of receiving any money soon, but said: "If we don't file a suit, we won't be sitting at the table whenever Iran and the US settle accounts."

The Administration refuses to explain its position, which runs counter to the wishes of Congress, which three years ago passed an act enabling Americans to go to court.

Mr Anderson, a Middle East correspondent for Associated Press, was held, shackled and blindfolded. Iran denies sponsoring Hezbollah.

# Murder trial for 'Doctor Death'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

JACK KEVORKIAN, the euthanasia campaigner who has presided over the suicide of more than 130 people in the past nine years and earned the nickname "Dr Death", went on trial for murder yesterday after he was seen by millions on prime-time US television administering a lethal solution to a terminally ill man.

A videotape of Dr Kevorkian ending the life of Thomas Youk, a 52-year-old sufferer of a motor neuron disease, was broadcast on the CBS television network in November, prompting widespread outrage.

Dr Kevorkian, 70, a retired pathologist, has been brought to trial four times for breaking laws banning assisted suicide — bringing three acquittals and one mistrial — but has never faced a murder charge. He could be jailed for life if convicted, while the charge of illegally delivering a controlled substance is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

The trial was provoked by Dr Kevorkian in his crusade to allow assisted suicide. But, as well as marking a milestone in the euthanasia debate, the case may set a legal precedent: the Michigan jury will be able to see the defendant committing the act which the prosecution claims is murder.

After filming, and narrating the death of Mr Youk, Dr Kevorkian sent the 18-minute videotape to the CBS news programme *60 Minutes*. "You killed him?", the interviewer asks. "I did, but it's going to be manslaughter, not murder," Dr Kevorkian replies.

While he has insisted that the trial will redefine the issue of assisted suicide, others, including several former supporters, believe his most brazen act of defiance is a reflection of the retired pathologist's increasing self-absorption.

"He wants to be a martyr. This is about focusing attention on himself," Geoffrey Fieger, the lawyer who successfully represented him in four earlier trials, said. "He didn't have to push the envelope this far. This fits the legal definition of murder."

Dr Kevorkian will present his own defense, with the aid of four lawyers. The law holds that whether Mr Youk consented to die is immaterial, but while Dr Kevorkian's acts may be murder technically, his defense is likely to hinge on an emotional appeal to the jurors to consider the suffering of the victim.

Mr Youk suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressively fatal illness, and the videotape shows him barely able to speak, breathe or move his limbs. In the television programme, which sharply boost-

## Falklands cut off in Pinochet protest

BY MICHAEL BINION  
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ANGERED by the continued detention of General Pinochet, Chile will this week cut off the Falkland Islands from South

America. The last flight linking the islands with southern Chile will leave on Saturday. The Falklands Government is making last-minute efforts to keep the vital air bridge going, and has denounced what

it calls the blatantly political decision not to renew the weekly flight. But the islanders insist they will never accept a proposed alternative link to Uruguay that would go via Argentina. Uruguay is ready to

operate a flight to the Falklands, but only if it touches down in Buenos Aires. The two countries are partners in the Mercosur trading bloc, and Montevideo will not sanction a link to the islands which Argentina claims without approval from Buenos Aires.

"The moment that we have direct and exclusive air links through Argentina, they will have very firm control over us," Mike Summers, a leading Falklands councillor, said. "To be forced to fly through Argentina is not acceptable. In the short term we prefer to be without a link. It is a nuisance, but not a disaster."

The islanders' rejection of the proposal comes amid warnings from Argentina that

it may toughen its stand over the Falklands, believing that the "charm offensive" has proved fruitless.

Chile, the airline operating the link, has been summoned to a meeting with the Chilean Foreign Ministry today. Falklanders were yesterday pessimistic that the service would continue, but said it would cost Chile £6 million in lost trade if it was scrapped.

Isolation from South America could deal a devastating blow to the fledgling tourist industry in the Falklands and it will cut off the supply of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Without the Chilean link, the Falklands will have to rely on the RAF flights to Britain via Ascension Island.

**A look ahead: healthcare in the "Century of Biology"**

By Dr. David McGibney

**A** Nobel prize-winning chemist recently predicted that if "this was the century of physics and chemistry... it is clear that the next century will be the century of biology." At the heart of this new century of science will be the new genetic information scientists are just beginning to understand — information that will transform our lives in the century to come.

This is the compelling case for basic science of a very high order. The conventional wisdom has always been that we in Britain are very good at this kind of "pure" science, but rather lacklustre when it comes to applying the results. Our industry's experience contradicts this supposition. The evolution of medicine in this century coincided with the evolution of the pharmaceutical industry in Britain, the bringing together of research and theory with manufacturing and the ability to meet demand. This coupling of new scientific discovery with the ability to make it available will continue to propel the evolution from the old way of simply managing pain, to ameliorating disease, to, someday soon, preventing disease in the first place.

To turn this optimistic view of the future into tangible results, we need a world-leading scientific infrastructure, investment in basic research initiatives, a pool of world class scientists, and an education system which encourages students to enter the sciences and gives them the encouragement and facilities to reach their potential.

In short, a steady stream of strong and fundamental research is needed to underpin a constant stream of innovation.

**A world of ideas on public policy.**

producing medicines that allow people to lead active and productive lives while suffering from conditions that once would have left them as invalids, or worse, dead. And the pharmaceuticals of the next century are going to move beyond merely keeping people alive or relieving pain to actually unlocking the very mystery of what causes disease. The decoding of the human genome is no longer in the realm of science fiction. We are already using molecular genetics to produce vaccines and drugs such as insulin. We are also using cloned human proteins as targets for new drug discovery. The human genome project offers challenges and opportunities beyond our imagination. It is here that we find the most compelling case for a strong and vibrant future for the pharmaceutical industry.

By 2025, a third or more of populations in the developed world will be over 60. These people will be much better informed about healthcare options than historically has been the case, and the demand for quality healthcare will increase. In the years ahead, we may see drugs that treat frailty and prevent falls in the elderly, mend broken bones quickly, and cause wounds to heal overnight. By continually reducing the disability rates in the elderly population, such treatments have the potential to lower healthcare costs. These are the kind of life-saving and life-enhancing products that will be in demand as we move into the future. Whether or not we can meet this demand will depend largely on the policies of the countries where these innovations are taking place.

The United States and the UK are currently the preferred sites for healthcare investment, because of their perceived willingness and ability to support

innovation. This could be in danger however, if our attempts at healthcare reform continue to focus on cutting spending by reducing the cost of healthcare or by restricting the drugs budget, rather than by trying to lower the cost of disease. At present, the UK is lagging well behind all of its trading partners, both in terms of the percentage of GDP spent on healthcare, and in the private funding of

**We must be willing to invest in the new technologies in order to reap their ultimate benefit — a reduction in the cost of disease**

healthcare. We would like to see legislators engage with our industry to confront these issues and "think the unthinkable" about healthcare. Given our proud history of healthcare discovery, and our promising future of further innovation, we must find imaginative ways to pay for quality healthcare for all. It certainly cannot be by the publicly funded monopoly we have at present. Here, as in America, we must be willing to invest in the new technologies in order to reap their ultimate benefit — a reduction in the cost of disease to our economies and our societies.

**Dr David McGibney is Senior Vice-President Medical Research and Development, Europe, Pfizer Central Research, Sandwich, Kent. This article is based on his recent "Centurion Lecture" delivered to the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce. The full lecture will be available from the RSA, 6 John Adam Street, London WC2A 6EZ later in the year and can be found on the Pfizer website at <http://www.pfizer.com/pfizer/pfizer/policy-centurion>.**



Jack Kevorkian with one of his suicide machines. The retired pathologist hopes the murder trial jury will sympathise with his wish to end Thomas Youk's suffering

if the man is terrified, it's up to me to dispel that terror."

Patrick Keenan, a Detroit legal expert, said: "Kevorkian's victory depends on get-

ting people on the jury that have, and will act on those feelings enough to overcome the effect of the evidence of first-degree murder."

# Piggy-bank raiders play the market

## Wall St lures young investors

home from school, writes

James Bone

THE next generation of United States capitalists is being born as an increasing number of teenagers raid their piggy banks to invest their pocket money in the sky-rocketing stockmarket.

The Internet has made "day-trading" on Wall Street an after-school hobby that competes with skateboarding and hanging out at the local McDonald's among the computer-savvy kids known as "Generation Y".

Tens of thousands of children, some as young as eight or nine, have started playing the bull market through so-called "custodial accounts" set up by their parents to help them to invest their pocket money.

"Junior Achievement" investment classes are now offered even to primary school pupils, and share clubs are booming in secondary schools as young investors seek to emulate the skills of the titans of Wall Street.

To meet the burgeoning demand, Disney recently issued a series of educational videos about investing with such titles as *Tyrannosaurus Debt and Walkin' on Wall Street*. One cartoon, starring a talking penguin which buys shares in the fictional Whiz Bang Cola company, drums home its message with the refrain: "Remember the rule. Buy low, sell high. Take your piece of the pie."

An increasing number of websites provide investment advice to those too young to buy a six-pack of beer. Some are even run by teenagers themselves.

After selling his small software firm for \$30,000 (£18,000), Jay Liebowitz, 16, from Northridge, California, quadrupled his money on the stock market and decided to set up his own on-line service.

His web home page has now received more than two million hits.

Minors under 18 need a custodian to open a brokerage account, so there is no official record of under-age investors. But an estimated 34 per cent of recent school leavers, aged 18 to 24, hold shares at present.

Parents encouraged by

their own success in America's long-running boom and fearful that the social security system will be bankrupt by the time their children retire, are eager to teach their children how they can become successful investors.

To cater to this increasing need, Wall Street firms have opened funds devoted to the young investor.

The Stein Roe Young Investor Fund, for instance, which manages about \$700 million (£435 million), sends educational materials to its youthful clients to enable them to understand their share holdings.

Its young investors would have learnt a cruel lesson last year, however. The fund's 15 per cent return significantly underperformed when compared with the leading market indices.

The Stock Market Game 2000, a twice-yearly share-picking contest for 9 to 15-year-olds organised by the Securities Industry Association, has seen participation rise by 50 per cent over the past year, to 200,000.

Now available over the Internet ([www.smg2000.org](http://www.smg2000.org)), the game comes with copious teaching materials and is increasingly integrated into school mathematics or social studies classes.

"Given the fact that more than 40 per cent of American households are investing directly or indirectly, educating investors about how the system operates is important," Margaret Draper, the association's spokeswoman, said.

"The great thing is how kids in disadvantaged areas have realised that there are possibilities beyond their block," she said. "They have realised that maybe they can become investment bankers too."

## Over 50 and renewing your motor insurance?

Try Saga for high cover, low cost motor insurance

FREE 0800 484 184 quoting reference TM3923

Our lines are open 8.30am to 7pm weekdays, and 9am to 1pm Saturdays.

Telephone calls may be monitored/recorder for staff training purposes.

Saga Services would like to send you information on other Saga products and services and may pass on your details to other Saga companies for this purpose.

Parents encouraged by

their own success in America's long-running boom and fearful that the social security system will be bankrupt by the time their children retire, are eager to teach their children how they can become successful investors.

To cater to this increasing need, Wall Street firms have opened funds devoted to the young investor.

The Stein Roe Young Investor Fund, for instance, which manages about \$700 million (£435 million), sends educational materials to its youthful clients to enable them to understand their share holdings.

Its young investors would have learnt a cruel lesson last year, however. The fund's 15 per cent return significantly underperformed when compared with the leading market indices.

The Stock Market Game 2000, a twice-yearly share-picking contest for 9 to 15-year-olds organised by the Securities Industry Association, has seen participation rise by 50 per cent over the past year, to 200,000.

Now available over the Internet ([www.smg2000.org](http://www.smg2000.org)), the game comes with copious teaching materials and is increasingly integrated into school mathematics or social studies classes.

"Given the fact that more than 40 per cent of American households are investing directly or indirectly, educating investors about how the system operates is important," Margaret Draper, the association's spokeswoman, said.

"The great thing is how kids in disadvantaged areas have realised that there are possibilities beyond their block," she said. "They have realised that maybe they can become investment bankers too."

Over 50 and renewing your motor insurance?

Try Saga for high cover, low cost motor insurance

FREE 0800 484 184 quoting reference TM3923

Our lines are open 8.30am to 7pm weekdays, and 9am to 1pm Saturdays.

Telephone calls may be monitored/recorder for staff training purposes.

Saga Services would like to send you information on other Saga products and services and may pass on your details to other Saga companies for this purpose.

Parents encouraged by

their own success in America's long-running boom and fearful that the social security system will be bankrupt by the time their children retire, are eager to teach their children how they can become successful investors.

To cater to this increasing need, Wall Street firms have opened funds devoted to the young investor.

The Stein Roe Young Investor Fund, for instance, which manages about \$700 million (£435 million), sends educational materials to its youthful clients to enable them to understand their share holdings.

Its young investors would have learnt a cruel lesson last year, however. The fund's 15 per cent return significantly underperformed when compared with the leading market indices.

The Stock Market Game 2000, a twice-yearly share-picking contest for 9 to 15-year-olds organised by the Securities Industry Association, has seen participation rise by 50 per cent over the past year, to 200,000.

Now available over the Internet ([www.smg2000.org](http://www.smg2000.org)), the game comes with copious teaching materials and is increasingly integrated into school mathematics or social studies classes.

"Given the fact that more than 40 per cent of American households are investing directly or indirectly, educating investors about how the system operates is important," Margaret Draper, the association's spokeswoman, said.

"The great thing is how kids in disadvantaged areas have realised that there are possibilities beyond their block," she said. "They have realised that maybe they can become investment bankers too."

Over 50 and renewing your motor insurance?

Try Saga for high cover, low cost motor insurance

FREE 0800 484 184 quoting reference TM3923

Our lines are open 8.30am to 7pm weekdays, and 9am to 1pm Saturdays.

Telephone calls may be monitored/recorder for staff training purposes.

Saga Services would like to send you information on other Saga products and services and may pass on your details to other Saga companies for this purpose.

MARCH 23 1999  
-bank  
's play  
arket

THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

BODY AND MIND 15

# Is this the end of the hospital killer bug?

In early December last year, Joné Ashbourne's family's greatest hope was that she would live beyond Christmas. Mrs. Ashbourne, of Notting Hill, London, is now alive and well, fever-free, climbing stairs like an 18-year-old and looking after her house and husband. The only outward difference in Mrs. Ashbourne's appearance is that after surviving two potentially fatal diseases — non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and bacterial endocarditis — she is now a redhead, rather than a blonde.

Mrs Ashbourne became infected with multi-resistant bacteria last autumn, which had caused septicaemia and an endocarditis, an inflammation of the inner lining and valves of the heart. An abscess also formed around the root of the mitral valve that would in time have

destroyed the valve and caused fatal heart failure. Mrs. Ashbourne was fortunate as she was one of the earliest patients in the UK to be treated with Linezolid, a new class of antibiotics, the oxazolidinones, the details of which are being presented at a symposium of the Ninth European Congress of Clinical Microbiology in Berlin today.

Linezolid, manufactured by Pharmacia & Upjohn, is effective against methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), the dreaded and often lethal bacterial organism, other gram-positive bacteria resistant to such powerful antibiotics as vancomycin, trovafloxacin, teicoplanin, as well as the more mundane ones regularly used in general practice.

Laboratory testing has failed to find any gram-positive organism which is resistant to Linezolid at present. It has proved to be the most active anti-bacterial agent tested against vancomycin-resistant organisms. Most drug-resistant problems stem from staphylococci, streptococci and enterococci. These are the strains that are the basis of horror stories in the press and these are the organisms that are sensitive to Linezolid. Mrs. Ashbourne's septicaemia and her mitral valve abscess was the result of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus epidermidis (MRSE).

In most people this gives rise to no more than a nasty infected pimple but in an immuno-compromised person, as she was to become after treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, it can cause serious problems. Mrs. Ashbourne's medical adventure started in December 1997 when her Christmas was spoilt by what she

## MEDICINE CHEST

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

assumed to be flu. She had a persistent temperature, higher in the evenings, but never more than about 100F, aching limbs and a feeling of unutterable weariness. In mid-January — still not over the "flu" — she noticed that she had a lump growing above her collarbone. Biopsies (removal of tissue for examination) showed that the swelling was caused by a gland infiltrated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, cancer of the lymph glands.

Mrs. Ashbourne had two courses of chemotherapy delivered through a Hickman line, a continuous intravenous drip which enables doctors to spare a patient repeated intravenous injections. By October the lump had disappeared and her chest was clear, but unfortunately the patient didn't feel better, and by November very much worse. Her temperature was 101F each evening, she was again tired and by now slightly breathless. Blood cultures revealed the septicaemia, presumably introduced through the Hickman line. The patient's resistance had been lowered by the chemotherapy and steroids and multi-resistant organisms had settled in her mitral valve damaged by rheumatic fever earlier in life. Although the organism was resistant to most antibiotics, there was some

feeble response to vancomycin in the laboratory but even so Mrs. Ashbourne's temperature didn't settle and she remained seriously ill. Fortunately, news of Linezolid's advent was beginning to be discussed at medical dinners and its manufacturers kindly agreed to release some for her on compassionate grounds. Once treated, Mrs. Ashbourne lost symptoms of septicaemia and by Christmas her temperature was normal.

Vancomycin was discontinued when it began to affect kidney function, but Linezolid therapy was maintained. So good was the recovery that by January 15 Mrs. Ashbourne was considered infection-free and fit to have a new artificial mitral valve fitted. The operation has been a complete success, examination has shown that the valve works well, she is not breathless,

her feet are not swelling and equally importantly, there is no sign of any recurrence of her lymphoma.

At surgery, the pus in the abscess was sterile — the antibiotic had done its work. Mrs. Ashbourne primarily owes her life to the inventive research of Pharmacia & Upjohn which produces Linezolid, but also to her oncologist, cardiologist and heart surgeon and as well, of course, to the propensity of doctors to enjoy medical chat when they wine and dine.

Why did her hair go red? Nobody knows — after chemotherapy it grew back in its normal pepper and salt but when her hairdresser applied the usual mixture, instead of turning it a uniform blonde, the hair went red. Chemotherapy has unexpected effects on hair. Linezolid is likely to be generally available in about a year.

ASADOUR GULZIAN

# Saved by a mother's courage

A 17-year-old boy, thought to be brain-dead, has survived against all odds. Moira Petty reports

Gregory Dugay was an unexceptional teenager, a shy youth who worked diligently at school and always had a smile for his neighbours. Head of the family is his mother Teresa, a divorcee who has scrimped on social security benefit to bring up her children. This seemingly unremarkable family has been transformed over the past 11 months by a tragedy.

"We are living on our nerves wondering if they will withdraw the money," Teresa says. "He has made such wonderful progress since he came here but we have had to fight every inch of the way." The Dugay family's predicament has wider implications. In July, the British Medical Association will issue a directive relating to withdrawal of treatment for critically ill patients.

It is a five-hour bus journey over almost 100 miles from Teresa's bungalow in Louth, Lincolnshire, to Holly Lodge, which lies on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors. There I meet Teresa, a slender 48-year-old, who admits to having existed on coffee and cigarettes for the past year. With her is Gregory's father, Roger, a paralysed after a stroke, who has visited Gregory. But his illness means that it is Teresa who arranges Gregory's care.

In the months that followed, Teresa waged a battle for her son's life. Defying doctors who said that he was brain-dead, she refused to permit withdrawal of his medication, claiming that he was communicating with his eyes. Teresa mounted a sophisticated press and television campaign aimed at shaming the Lincolnshire Health Authority into paying for her son's treatment in a specialist unit, rather than seeing him die in a nursing home.

Five months after admission to Holly Lodge Traumatic



Gregory Dugay: his mother Teresa watches over him at the Holly Lodge Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, near Sheffield, where he lies semi-conscious yet responsive to visitors and other stimuli



Brain Injury Unit, near Sheffield. Gregory and his family have proved the experts wrong. He is semi-conscious, responsive to visitors and other stimuli, has a stable heart-rate and blood-pressure readings. The health authority says that as long as his condition continues to improve it will meet the £1,400 a week in costs at the private unit. His next assessment is due in June.

Brain Injury Unit, near Sheffield. Gregory and his family have proved the experts wrong. He is semi-conscious, responsive to visitors and other stimuli, has a stable heart-rate and blood-pressure readings. The health authority says that as long as his condition continues to improve it will meet the £1,400 a week in costs at the private unit. His next assessment is due in June.

I learnt that it had taken three electric shocks to revive him

Gregory suffered the attack while visiting a friend's house. Unable to breathe, he collapsed but still managed to plead for an ambulance. Paramedics spent 20 minutes re-inflating his lungs and resuscitating him.

Teresa was asked to wait in a relatives' room at Louth Hospital. "I was shaking from head to foot and needed to know if he was dead or alive," she says. "Later I learnt that it had taken three electric shocks to revive him."

Gregory was moved to intensive care in a hospital in Worksop, 60 miles away. "They warned me I should spend the night with him but first I had to sort out my elderly mother and Roger, my younger son, who was asking for his tea."

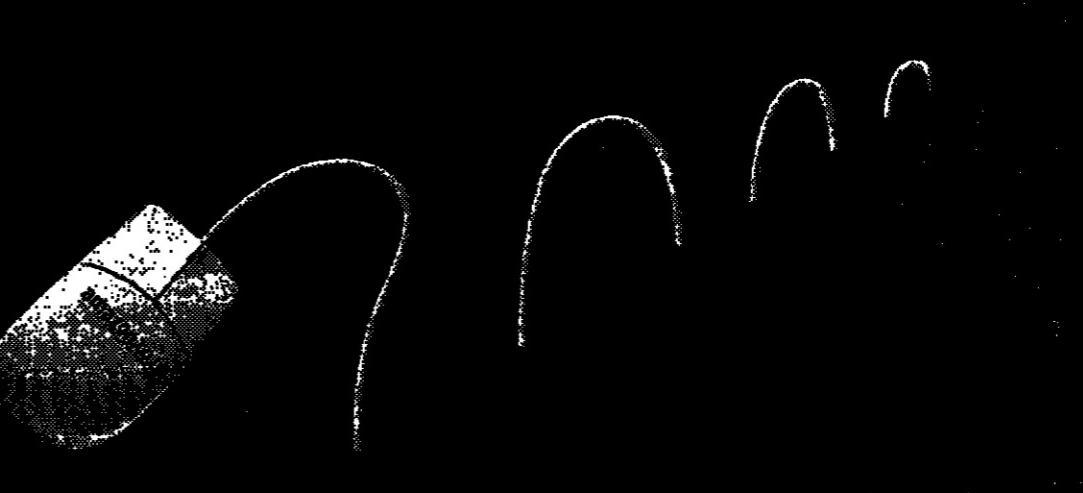
Twice Lincolnshire Health Authority decided not to send him to a nursing home; Teresa drummed up support from the media and Gregory was admitted to Holly Lodge in October.

"Right up to the end, doctors at Hull were saying Gregory was brain-dead," Teresa says.

"He is still communicating with his eyes. When I talk to him emotionally and say I wish he'd taken his asthma more seriously, or that I feel guilty, his eyes fill with tears. When I tell him how well he's doing, his eyes are bright."

The Dugay family is no stranger to tragedy. Teresa's eldest son Robert died at 20 after an acute bronchial attack. "I was determined never to give up on Gregory," she says. "I don't want to lose a second son. I feel so strong about keeping him alive."

you'll find some monster savings on books at amazon.co.uk



**Varicose Veins & Thread Veins**

Expert Diagnosis, advice and treatment of all vein conditions by leading Vascular Specialists. Call now for a FREE brochure

**Freefone 0800 374 219**

The British Varicose Vein Centres

Part of The Lancer Medical Group of Companies

Head Office: Highfield Clinic, Highfield Lane, St Albans, Herts AL4 0RJ

**LASER HAIR REMOVAL (FOR MEN AND WOMEN)**

Our laser treatment removes unwanted body and facial hair gently, quickly and effectively. Problem areas treated include face, under-arms, bikini line, legs, body, male chest and back. For a confidential consultation, without charge, please telephone our national number below to get instantly connected to your nearest clinic.

**TELEPHONE: 0870 603 4444**

**THE HARLEY MEDICAL GROUP**

6 Harley Street, London WIN 1AA

CLINICS THROUGHOUT THE UK - ESTABLISHED 1983

The easiest way to find and buy books. Find the book you want from our huge store in seconds by author, title or subject. Then order with just one click of the mouse.

The widest possible selection. We can supply every book in print in the UK - well over a million books - as well as hundreds of thousands of the most popular US titles.

The greatest range of savings. Everyday discounts on thousands of popular books at up to 40% off.

Experience all this and more on the internet at [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk)

click with  
**amazon.co.uk**  
books for everyone

## BRUCE CHATWIN: A STORYTELLER'S LIFE

# I knew Bruce was ambidextrous,

The writer Bruce Chatwin was a man of contradictions: a devoted husband and an active homosexual, Nicholas Shakespeare reveals in the first extract from his outstanding biography



Bruce Chatwin hit London early in the 1960s. He was a solicitor's son from the Midlands, born in 1940; he had gone to Marlborough, and had left school at 16 to become a porter at Sotheby's. Not a beginning from which one would confidently have predicted a life of such fame. But he was blond and handsome, a fountain of vitality, and even as a schoolboy he had an amazing eye for antique objects — both for their beauty and their authenticity.

He did not remain a porter at Sotheby's for long. He was soon offering clients advice as he trundled the canvases about and the powers at Sotheby's soon realised what a treasure they had taken on. He became the Impressionist cataloguer and by his early twenties was a director. His looks were as desirable as his natural expertise. When he started travelling the world, trying to persuade collectors to sell, his employers knew that he was part of the bait.

But it was the travelling he wanted — and when he became a writer, it was as the voice of the postwar nomad. His first nomadic adventures, however, were in that smart literary London of the 1960s



— the world of Mark Boxer and George Melly, Sybille Bedford and Emma Tennant. He was soon a great favourite there. In his mid-twenties he gave up Sotheby's. He went to Edinburgh University to read archaeology and married a girl called Elizabeth who was to be a loyal and long-suffering wife. Then he started travelling in earnest — to Patagonia, to Africa, to the East.

It was not until he was 37 that he published his first book, *In Patagonia* — and once he had begun he was totally committed, writing his books with the same excitement he brought to his talk. *In Patagonia* brought him fame. It wove together brilliant details from the lives of people he met in South America, episodes gleaming with

DERWENT MAY

homosexual feeling and heterosexual beauty, held in the imagination of a narrator who revealed nothing of himself but his joy in wandering.

Chatwin was always to remain an elusive personality. His private life was as full of disconnections as his books. There was a series of homosexual love-affairs, and some of his friends did not even know for a long time that he was married. His second book, *The Vicerey of Oudah* is about the life of a Brazilian slave-trader in Africa who hates any kind of confinement and yet spends his time among the manacles and dungeons. It too is full of abrupt transitions from one vivid and colourful evocation to another — yet it made a successful film, in Werner Herzog's hands, as *Cobra Verde*.

Chatwin's third book was quite different — as if he longed to write about rooted lives with slow rhythms. *On the Black Hill* is the story of two Welsh brothers who never leave each other or their farm. He took huge trouble over it and it is an agreeable read. *Songlines*, his next book, brought him the greatest success. It goes back to the manner of *In Patagonia* and

is his chief hymn to the wandering life. Salman Rushdie travelled round Australia with him collecting material for it. After that Chatwin produced the novel *Uz*, a short but dry study of an obsessed art collector in Prague. He died in January 1989, aged 48, of AIDS. For a while he had persuaded friends that he was suffering from a fungal disease caused by eating Chinese eggs — but he knew the truth.

William Wordsworth wrote a poem about a young contemporary of his who died — "I think of Chatterton, that marvellous boy". "Chatwin, that marvellous boy" is how his friends will remember him.



Elizabeth and Bruce at their wedding: she may have hoped that marriage would change things

**F**riends were thunderstruck at news of the engagement. "The idea of Bruce getting married seemed bananas"

**E**lizabeth Chanler was two years older than Bruce. She was small, bubbly, shy. Bruce told a friend that he met her on a dig in Persia; by the end of the day they had fallen into the sack "like two warm rabbits". In fact they met at Sotheby's. From her secretary's desk Elizabeth watched him talk to a client. "I could see him from behind, in a charcoal-grey suit with a high detachable collar, standing there, looking at something, his blond hair sticking up." She had read *The Lord of the Rings*: Bruce was like Strider.

Bruce took no special notice of her at first. After he had an operation on his varicose veins she visited him in his nursing home. He lay eating caviare. "He never offered me any. Then he asked me to buy him an Hermès diary. When I found out how much it cost I said no." He asked her to dinner but then cancelled because there would be too many women. "He had awful manners in lots of ways."

His fascination with America woke him up to Elizabeth, the only American at Sotheby's. On visits to New York he learnt how her Catholic East Coast pedigree was so exclusive as to be almost impenetrable. Hearing her tell a story about a fly in a New York flat, he felt "This was a woman I could marry". But he took a year to make up his mind, and spent it sampling the nomadic life in Sudan.

Elizabeth did not hear from him while he was gone. Then in April he rang: "Can you have lunch?" She met him at his new flat in Mount Street. Bruce told her about Sudan. Then he asked: "Do you want to come to Paris for Easter?" He went ahead by train. Elizabeth drove him to the station, planning to follow by air. On the platform he gave her a leatherette bag, not to be opened until the train had left. She opened it in her car. Inside

was a Greek ring of the 5th century BC. The intaglio was "a wounded lioness, her head thrown back, pulling a spear from her side. "Not entirely suitable as an engagement present," he later wrote of it. "But I think it the loveliest Greek ring I ever saw."

Elizabeth was overjoyed. She came out of the blue. Usually people drop hints: Bruce never did. I was surprised he was willing to be married. Only when he went into the desert did he change his outlook." Bruce met her at Le Bourget. The next day he took her to the Cabinet de Medailles in the Louvre, where he proposed. Elizabeth was looking at some coins when he said: "Do you want to keep the ring?"

**F**riends were thunderstruck at news of the engagement. "The idea of Bruce getting married seemed bananas," says Howard Hodgkin. James Dugdale spoke for many at Sotheby's: "Hearing that Bruce was to marry Elizabeth was startling; rather like when Kennedy was assassinated. I remember where I was."

**A** part of him sought refuge. He worked in a world where homosexuality was not stigmatised, yet he came from a background that did not approve of it. He may have hoped that "homosexual behaviour is something you grow out of", and that he could follow the model of his parents' successful marriage. He aspired to a family life and a relationship that was public, comfortable and supportive and believed this would outweigh any sexual urges. It was his greatest luck to find Elizabeth; she, too, may have hoped that marriage and a family would change things. "I knew Bruce was ambidextrous. He was never obvious about it and embarrassed him that he had this tendency, but he wasn't going to give in to it completely."

The were married on August 20, 1988.

## 'He stuck out in any company, in a gay bar or a drawing room'

**B**ruce's excursions with Donald Richards to New York coincided with a point at which the gay world became chic, universal, glamorous, freewheeling and not so underground. On February 17, 1979, they went to see Robert Mapplethorpe.

Bruce was photographed on one of his visits to Mapplethorpe's studio loft on Bond Street. In 1983, he repaid the compliment with an introduction to *Body and Eyes*. Mapplethorpe's book of portraits of the female bodybuilder Lisa Lyon. The novelist Edmund White judges Bruce's introduction as "the best essay ever written on Mapplethorpe", but it reveals no less of its author. In 1974, Bruce had held up Cartier-Bresson as one of the models for *In Patagonia*. He was now evolving a new aesthetic for his second book: the exotic and sadistic history of a slave-trader. He found one aspect of it on the walls of Mapplethorpe's studio.

Bruce observed a "black bedroom behind a white wire-netting cage and ranged around the paraphernalia of an irreverent perversity: a scorpion in a case, a bronze of Mephistopheles and a smaller bronze of the Devil with his toasting fork". Here Mapplethorpe took his haunting portraits of men, women and a series of "sex pictures" that froze the intimate activities of the so-called "leather scene".

**C**hatwin is insightful of Mapplethorpe's style. "His vision is cold and sharp. He is fascinated by the satanic and confronts his night-biased world with the elegant and melancholic stance of the dandy. His eye for a face is the eye of a novelist in search of a character; his eye for a body that of a classical sculptor in search of an 'ideal'. His sitters — celebrities or pick-ups, beautiful girls or black friends — seem mesmerised not by the lens but by his presence and transported into a dreamworld."

The photographer said: "I really don't know how I take these pictures," but Bruce, who lit his prose in the same way, understood Mapplethorpe's techniques. Mapplethorpe's effect was



Robert Mapplethorpe: his work inspired Chatwin

achieved not by contact but by detachment, seeing with the clarity of first impressions, avoiding intimacy. "Except for a few close friends, Robert rarely took pictures of the same sitter twice."

That Mapplethorpe should have photographed him is a sign of Bruce's effect, also of their complicity. "I, too, was photographed by Robert," says Peter Adam, who was one of Bruce's lovers during this period. "But Bruce was one of the few people Robert took with his clothes on. To use Mapplethorpe as a society photographer does seem to be a little bit far-fetched."

Possibly this was the occasion when Mapplethorpe suggested to Bruce he might like to meet his brilliant friend, Edmund White. Mapplethorpe telephoned White, who lived near by. Bruce walked around, rang the bell. White wrote down what happened: "Maybe it was the excitement of druggy, sexy New York before AIDS, or of the Mapplethorpe connection but seconds after he'd come into my apartment we started fooling around with each other."

Many of Bruce's partners at this period had the attributes of White: good-looking, interesting and famous. Even if Bruce was not as guile-free as White or Nureyev, he knew

pated in, or enjoyed, Mapplethorpe's world. The art historian John Richardson could not picture him as a whole-hearted participant. "I used to go a lot to baths in the Village: the Eagle's Nest, Spike, The Ramrod. I was the old hand. I never saw Bruce in any. I didn't have the feeling he was an habitué."

**R**ichardson once took Bruce to a leather bar for blacks. "He was too grand for them. It's no good being sort of la-di-dah. He stuck out in any company, whether in a gay bar or drawing room by playing the star."

Bruce was as unforthcoming with Richardson as with everyone else about his sex life. "I never felt he was nearly as much a cruiser or sexually obsessed person as most of my gang. But I think Bruce had a lot to hide. I think he liked danger. I always assumed he liked being violated in some way and preferably by brigands, gypsies, South American cowboys. It was part of his nomadic pattern, to go off into the desert and get raped by Afghan brigands."

### Personal loan rates.

NOW FROM ONLY **9.9%** APR.

Call Direct Line.

- You'll have fixed, low monthly payments.
- No compulsory insurance, arrangement fee or complicated paper work.
- No security or deposit required.
- Call now for an instant decision on loans from £1,000 to £25,000.

0181 680 9966    0161 831 9966    0141 248 9966

LONDON    MANCHESTER    GLASGOW

CALL ANYTIME 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm Saturday.

www.directline.com/loans

Please quote ref. NT770

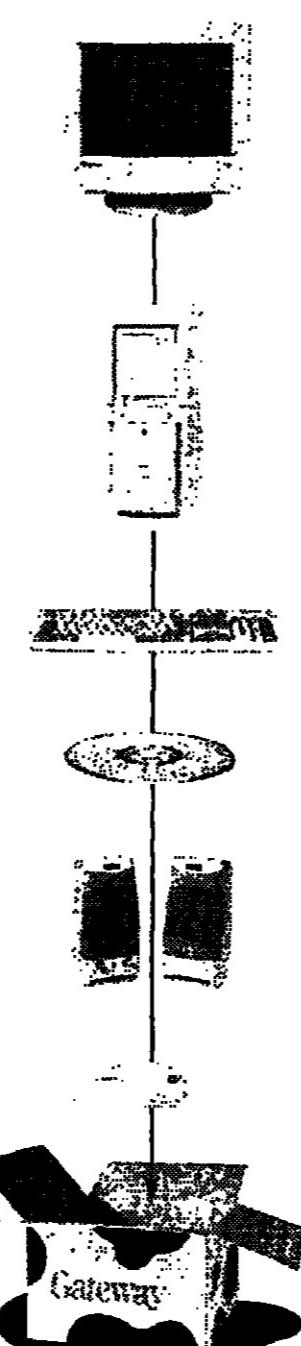
DIRECT LINE Financial Services Limited, 229 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5BD. You must be aged 21 or over and have regular income. Credit is subject to status. Rate of interest 9.9% APR 26.9%. Credit is available only to persons aged 18 years or over, subject to terms. Written quotations available on request.

**I feel the need, the need for speed.**

Hold on tight the new Intel® Pentium® III 500MHz processor is breaking all the limits. Breath taking speed, mind blowing graphics, storm the web, believe your ears... and do it with the Gateway G7-500 SE. A PC built to take the pace; stoked with a massive 128MB of SDRAM, free internet access<sup>1</sup> and top spec multimedia. All for only £1299 (£1567.45 inc. VAT and delivery). You want speed, then have it your way, call Gateway fast.

**All for £1299!  
 (£1567.45 inc. VAT & delivery)**  
CALL NOW FOR INTEREST FREE OPTION\*

**0800 74 2000**



**Have it your way DIRECT FROM Gateway** [www.gateway.com/uk](http://www.gateway.com/uk)

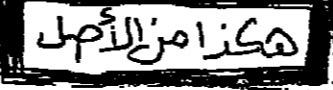
**Free internet access.** Visit any store and collect your free gateway.net CD-ROM. Gateway Stores: Croydon The Whitgift Centre, Kingston The Bentall Centre, Covent Garden 10 Bedford Street, Manchester The Trafford Centre, Leeds 95 The Headrow, Sales Phone Lines Open Monday to Friday 8am-10pm, Saturday 9am-5pm.

© 1999 Gateway 2000 Europe. All rights reserved. Gateway, YourWay and the Gateway shield logo are trademarks of Gateway 2000 Inc. All rights reserved. All other brands and product names are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies. All sales subject to Gateway 2000 Europe's standard terms and conditions (available on request) and limited warranties. All prices quoted are subject to change without notice or obligation. All prices are quoted in Sterling. Available with all PCs with a modem. Terms and conditions apply. Gateway net technical support calls are charged at £1.00 minute at all times. Offer applies to Windows 95 and 98 systems only.

\*FREEPHONE 0800 74 2000 — available on all PCs. Typical example: one repayment in June 1999 of £1567.45. Total amount payable £1567.45. APR 26.9%.

\*\*FREEPHONE 0800 74 2000 — Commencing June 1999. 36 monthly instalments of £81.49. Total amount payable £2973.64. APR 26.9%.

†Subject to approval. Credit is available only to persons aged 18 years or over, subject to terms. Written quotations available on request.



## BRUCE CHATWIN: A STORYTELLER'S LIFE

**but he was never obvious about it**

SALLY SOAMES

'He wasn't very nice to Elizabeth. I've seldom met a human being who exudes so much sex appeal with so comparatively little niceness. What does this boy want?'

21, 1965, in the chapel of Sweet Briar Farm.

With marriage, a pattern emerged that would define Bruce's writing life: boundless enthusiasm dwindling into depression and inertia. He struggled to write his first book, which he wanted to call *The Nomadic Alternative*, for three years. One reason his book took so long was his distractibility: *The Nomadic Alternative* was only one of several projects he plotted at this time.

**O**n March 21 Elizabeth wrote to her mother that Bruce's nomad project was on hold. "He has got to know the cast of the English production of *Hair*, and one night last week was at a party talking to a theatrical agent who said they were looking for ideas for a really different, way-out musical, so Bruce sits down at the typewriter last week and writes a scenario for a musical on Akhenaten, involving the Mitannians, semi-nomadic people from Iraq, the Hittites and the Egyptians. Goodness knows if it will ever come off, but Bruce is thrilled."

The inspiration for his musical was a 19-year-old Jamaican-born actor from *Hair*. Peter Straker played Hud, the lead black boy. "I was carried in on a pole dressed in the US flag with no clothes on underneath. I'd slide off and sing 'I'm a coloured spade'. Bruce thought I had a marvellous voice."

Their paths crossed one day as Straker was heading to the Shaftesbury Theatre. "My God," yelled Bruce. "You're the image of Akhenaten." He dragged Straker to half the museums in London until he found a picture to back his theory. That night Bruce watched Straker's performance and the

idea for a musical took shape. A lack of musical training was no obstacle. "In a moment of enthusiasm, or rather, infatuation by a member of the cast, I wrote a scenario for a musical one, bright spring day," he wrote to James Ivory. "I'm a sucker for theatrical camp."

On Straker's free day they would lunch at Le Casserole in the Kings Road or Inigo Jones in Covent Garden. Straker found the relationship puzzling. "I don't know if we had an affair. My day-to-day life had nothing to do with Bruce."

The project fizzled out and with it the relationship. "His energy frightened me," says Straker. "I found him overpowering, larger than life. There came a point when I knew it was important to him and didn't want it. I laughed at him when he said he loved me."

One weekend Bruce invited Straker to Holwell Farm to meet Elizabeth. "I was shocked at their relationship," says Straker. "I asked him about Elizabeth: 'How can you go on like this?' He said she liked the country and didn't like the city and she knew that side of him." Elizabeth suspected

about Straker but did not know the extent of Bruce's infidelities. In none of them did he let himself go. James Ivory, who visited in the autumn of 1971, says: "As I strolled with him in an upstairs hall, he told me he had given up homosexuality, that he didn't have those feelings any more." Even so, the tensions between Bruce and his wife mounted.

On November 3 James Lees-Milne was invited to Holwell for dinner. "Bruce was not very nice to Elizabeth; who cooked a delicious dinner; he was abrupt and discontented; whereas when he came to tea with me the day before he was

all charm. I have seldom met a human being who exudes so much sex appeal with so comparatively little niceness. What does this boy want?"

Elizabeth's family had become accustomed to finding one or other partner away. Visitors noticed her reduced circumstances. She relied on a steady trickle of cheques from her mother to cover bills. "I'm so broke I can only just eat nowadays," she wrote. "Thank heavens B is away as there is one less to feed and he likes to have proper meals anyway." But she missed her husband. "Dear Max, well here I go again in hope one of these letters one day will reach you."

Elizabeth was unlike most wives. "Love alters not when it alteration finds," she would say. Beyond the reverence was a genuine entente that had given the couple their nickname, "the Chatwys". Salman Rushdie says: "They were the only two people I know who could talk simultaneously, non-stop, for long periods of time about completely different subjects, while seemingly knowing exactly what the other was saying and not finding it a problem."

**T**here was also their complicity. Jessie Wood and her husband Clem saw much of the Chatwins, who often stayed in their Paris flat. "Bruce would never have done anything that he did if he hadn't had this feeling for Elizabeth. I mean, can you imagine Bruce with anyone else?"

When he was 37 Bruce fell helplessly in love with Donald Richards, an Australian stockbroker ten years his junior, in June 1977. Among the guests were the artist Keith Milow and a handsome man covered

in hay. "We'd been rolling in the cornfield adjacent to the party," says Milow. He introduced Bruce to Donald: "Something clicked which I was not prepared for."

Teddy Millington-Drake, who entertained Bruce and Donald on Patmos, said their meeting was "the big break in Bruce's life... It was the first time he'd committed his life to a man." Where Bruce was an extrovert, Donald was reticent and, unlike Bruce, uninhibitedly gay. "He was a sexy homosexual who jumped into bed immediately," says Peter Adam.

"Bruce saw Donald as a challenge," says Milow, "wild,

sexual and hard to keep up with." He was possessed of "unbelievable eyes with black edges to them", according to Elizabeth. Adam understood the chemistry: "Bruce quite liked tarty men and he justified them if they could also read Rilke and knew Kafka wasn't a deodorant."

Whatever Elizabeth suspected of her husband's activities, she did not let on. She was used to people falling in love with him, and had taught herself not to be threatened. "I always felt he was going to come back. There was no point in confronting him. He didn't like showdowns at all."

In Italy, Beatrice von Rezzori asked Bruce: "Who is your best friend?" He replied: "I guess it's Elizabeth." There still existed a physical bond. In 1979 James Fox arrived at Holwell on his "very quiet motorbike", and caught Bruce and Elizabeth kissing. "I stopped in front of the kitchen window and saw this long, touching embrace between the couple, which was surprising because I had never conceived of such tenderness between them."

Along with the tenderness went a hurtful neglect. "He never told people he was married. I was the guilty secret," says Elizabeth. His frustration

could erupt in cruelty. James Fox recalls going with Bruce, Elizabeth and others to a lunch haunt. There was no table big enough: "Bruce tells her to go away, which shocks everyone." Meriel McCooey was standing on the corner: "I thought 'That's horrible'. Elizabeth went without a word. I couldn't understand why she didn't thumb him."

● Extracted from *Bruce Chatwin*, to be published by The Harvill Press on April 1 at £20. Times readers can buy it for £16 by calling The Times Bookshop, 0890-13469. Copyright Nicholas Shakespeare 1999

**TOMORROW**  
**Sotheby's —  
and the rich  
collectors  
who wanted  
Chatwin  
'body and  
soul'**



Unfaithful friend: despite his infidelities, when asked "Who is your best friend?", Chatwin replied: "I guess it's Elizabeth"

Loyalty isn't something you hire.  
It's something you create.

Helping you put the human into human resources

**Luncheon Vouchers.**



**Eyecare Vouchers.**



**Childcare Vouchers.**



**Familylife Solutions.**

**ACCOR**  
CORPORATE SERVICES

Loyalty is a two-way street.  
Staff who believe the company genuinely cares for their welfare tend to be more committed in return.

As innovators of one of the most successful staff benefit schemes ever – the original Luncheon Vouchers – commitment is something we know a lot about.

In fact, Accor Corporate Services has a range of schemes that enable companies to improve motivation and morale by tailoring benefits to the individual, with the added attraction of savings on tax or national insurance.

For example, our Eyecare Vouchers help companies meet the legal requirement of paying for eye tests for staff working with VDU screens.

Our Childcare Vouchers are a perfect way for any company to help staff with the special pressures and expenses of caring for young children.

And our Familylife Solutions provides a one-stop helpline on just about any problem that a modern family might face, from state benefits to help with the elderly or disabled.

So if you want to make the most of your most important asset, Accor Corporate Services are here to help.

Contact us for further information. Tel: 0800 917 6026.  
email:acs@accor-services.co.uk

# How to end the great benefit fraud

Genetic testing would save us millions, says Frank Field

Last week the Government read the European Union the Riot Act on fraud. Now the spotlight moves closer to home. When, later this week, the Social Security Secretary, Alastair Darling, publishes the White Paper on social security fraud, MPs will want to know whether the building blocks are in place for the first-ever effective counter-fraud strategy. At least eight major initiatives are required.

A number involve securing the national insurance system. Each of us has a national insurance number, but there are millions of spare ones floating around the system, some of which are used fraudulently.

The first important task, therefore, is to set a five-year timetable to get rid of spare and bogus numbers. But at the rate the department has been working, it could take 200 years to achieve this simple objective.

Next, has the issuing of national insurance numbers been secured? In the ten weeks I had ministerial responsibility for fraud I found that there were no proper checks on the staff issuing numbers. While most staff are honest, the serious fraudsters are free to place their own people on the inside to issue counterfeit numbers.

The Government needs to back its tough talk with action to see that fraud is banished for good. The best way to ensure that a person is who they claim to be is by DNA testing. Instead of issuing NHS and child benefit numbers at birth, a single national insurance number could be issued, linked to a person's DNA.

This sample would then be used to prove to everyone whenever state benefits are claimed. Over time, this would give the national insurance system a security which it now so patently lacks. Banks already use DNA testing to protect their accounts, with no complaints from customers.

But how can proof of identity be best established in the meantime? Birth certificates, driving licences, and passports are currently used. Given the extent of counterfeiting these documents nobody knows which of them is the most secure. The truth is that no document is safe from counterfeiting unless it is linked to biometric information. So it is essential to determine which are the most and least reliable. Has the Government set in hand a regular sampling to find this out?

The Government also needs to work closely with other public bodies. This will prove harder than it sounds — for example, too many fraudulent claims for housing benefits by non-existent tenants have been issued and abetted by the Post Office.

When they move, some housing benefit claimants ask the Post Office to send their gain to their new address, from where they will also be claiming another housing benefit. Four years ago the Social Security Select Committee suggested that the Post Office

It is time to back up all the tough talk with action

*The author was formerly Minister for Welfare Reform  
comment@the-times.co.uk*

## Cranborne's Bill will meet in the Commons not an assembly which holds its leaders to account, but a House in danger of emasculation

Now that the quest to find the century's defining books, films and paintings has run, we shall soon be searching for its defining statements. These will as often as not be bound up with Parliament: from the announcement that Britain was at war, to Margaret Thatcher's "No, no, no" to the demands of Jacques Delors.

Big Ben is not just for tourists, or for children on half-term treats. Parliamentary government is no abstract matter. It is government by public assembly, which elects its leaders on behalf of the people, hears them out, and if needs be, pulls them down again.

Despite this tradition, parliamentary authority has all but capitulated in face of the tyranny of the executive and its bureaucracies. Legislation is too often rushed through, with Parliament having no say. Furthermore,

local government spending, most of it funded by the taxpayer, is not considered by Parliament. All sorts of secondary measures, attached to the main legislation, are not examined and cannot be amended, and although in theory Parliament can reject them, by convention it does not. In addition, Parliament has been further eroded by the way in which EU directives are used by departments to slip in their own pet schemes, thus avoiding discussion and scrutiny.

How should Parliament regain its authority and deal directly with three central problems: the way in which ministerial measures are turned into law, the way in which other bodies usurp the powers of Parliament and the way in which government and Parliament work?

First it should see that new Bills are thought through, consulted on, published in draft and

considered under the Audit Act before being proceeded with. At the same time it should ensure that all the secondary measures — the "statutory instruments" so beloved of the great bureaucracies which are present are nodded through — should be subject to proper scrutiny and amendment.

Secondly, every Bill should have its health warning on whether it erodes parliamentary responsibility. Not only would Bills have to be certified so that Parliament would know whether they changed the constitutional balance. Parliament would also be told which of them undermined or took away some of its responsibilities.

Ministers would have to come to Parliament with the EU directives, consult representative bodies, and publish a report on

which there would be a vote in both Houses. This would help to end the culture of ministers doing deals with their EU cronies. Parliament would also need to demand that it be shown clearly what aspects of any new EU measure are required under existing legislation, and what is the icing on the cake — extra regulations added at the whim of Brussels officiaidom. Local government would have to submit its expenditure to Parliament.

Finally, Parliament would end the promiscuity of government in awarding its favours to its own, or turning a blind eye to its size and cost. Public appointments would be submitted to proper scrutiny. The great and the good would find that they had another

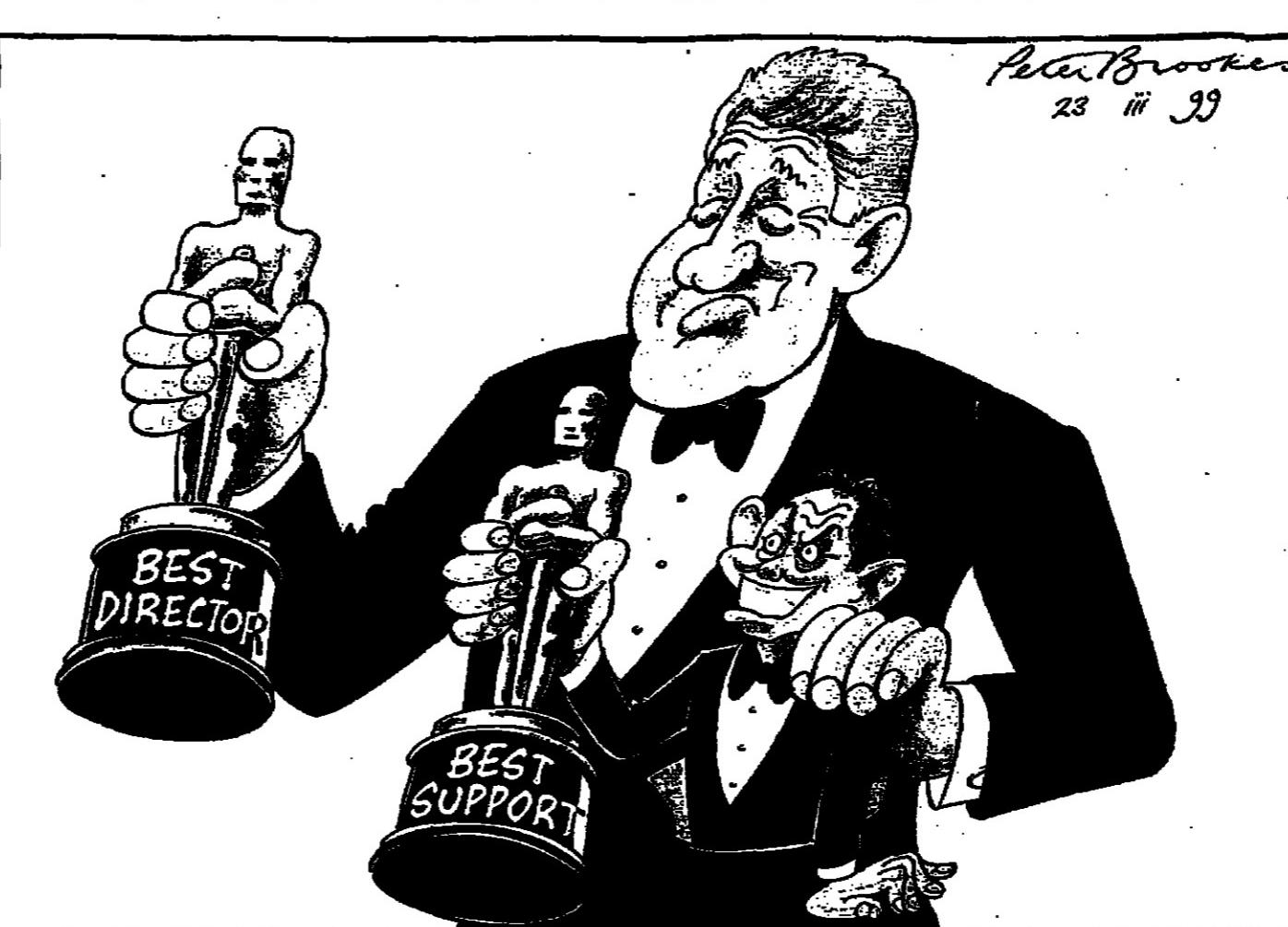
master to answer to, Parliament and its electorate. Administrative effectiveness and efficiency of government would be subject to review. Most important, the number of MPs and the number of ministers would be reduced. The power and freedom of individual MPs would be increased by their belonging to a smaller group. The power of government would be reduced by making it smaller.

Wonderful, many people might think. But are not these proposals fantasy? Not quite. They are all part of Private Member's Bill introduced by Viscount Cranborne in the House of Lords. Although its welcome in the Lords will be warm, the chances of its becoming law will depend on the Government. For though the Bill's journey to the Commons may be swift, it will meet there not an assembly which holds its

leaders to account, but a House in danger of emasculation by government — and, as the Victorians knew well, the most potentially dangerous of all similar interests is that of the executive because it is the most powerful.

Might the Government, nonetheless, let Parliament stand up for itself? There is nothing in the main lines of Viscount Cranborne's Bill which any committed parliamentarian should hesitate to welcome. And, given the posturing over the failures in Europe in the absence of a British model, which minister, even in the present administration, would claim to be anything other than a committed parliamentarian?

*Sheila Lawlor is director of the think-tank Politeia  
comment@the-times.co.uk*



THE ANNUAL BALKANS CRISIS AWARDS...

## We're still a class act

Schools are our gateway to glory — so why not forget this dismal politicking?

regularly outspoken about the fact that she doesn't bother to follow the Government's literacy-hour rules, as contained in the deadweight mini-suitcase issued to all primary schools.

So let a thousand flowers bloom, each with its own brave curl of petal. Ministers should weed out the few noxious and half-dead plants and let the rest grow tall.

Asking Government to concentrate on real problems and leave successful schools alone is a not uncommon plea;

but I would add a second, less common, it is that we should stop arguing over the remaining grammars, and that, moreover, the ancient covert civil war between state and independent schools should end. No more class hatred, malicious envy and guilt. Children are children, teaching is teaching; since Britain has accidentally grown a lopsided system of comprehensives, grammars, church schools, technology colleges and independents, both day and boarding, we should use that doty diversity to everyone's advantage. Of course in an ideal world there would be an excellent free school at the bottom of everyone's street; but we do not live in an ideal world. We live in quirky, bloody-minded Britain. So let all schools enthusiastically share both resources and experience.

The Government has made tentative movements to encourage this, but meets resistance. State heads get chippy and say that private schools have nothing to teach them about (I have heard this expression) "real kids". Independent heads roll their eyes up fondly and cite their duty to fee-paying parents and the school's "very special ethos". But children are children, learning is learning. The barriers must come down.

The futility of the stand-off was dramatised last week after the

inquest on poor Nicholas Taylor, who died in the course of a "fainting game" which, it transpired, was a regular Etonian way of filling in the time between supper and prayers. Instead of sensible discussion about teenage boys in general, this caused an outbreak of attacks on boarding schools. They ranged in tone from Childline's dark hints at "a culture of risky behaviour" caused when children "don't have homes to go to in the evening" to a magnificent, full-blooded rant from A.A. Gill: "A solitary corner of hell... pillow-muffed sobs... darker, steamier... underground secret place... lost, dysfunctional, gauchie little homunculi..."

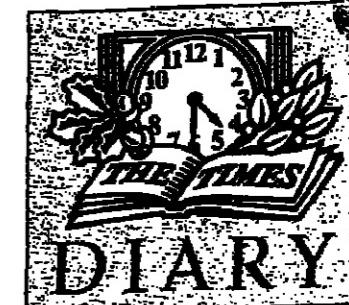
Most of the attacks artfully blurred the ages of the children in question, confusing the genuinely controversial issue of prep boarding at teddy-bear age with the majority of teenage boarders. Nearly all of them dwell on the high fees parents pay to these "snobbish, expensive, family-orientated, rear and semen-stained places" (Gill again). Yet throughout history teenagers have trained or worked away from home, and today plenty of perfectly normal children do it without demur or "dysfunction". It may be because they live in a remote area, or have Service parents, or an intense musical or sporting interest, or merely hate commuting and prefer the short, busy terms and long idle holidays of the boarding year. They phone home daily, come home frequently, and learn the elements of self-government. Some hate it and should be brought home; but then some day-pupils are miserable and should be moved.

The point is that even boarding schools — a minority within a minority — could actually share valuable experience of how children mature and learn and can govern themselves. A handful, such as

U nited, the profession would be better armed against government fads. When state teachers argue over lower class sizes or facilities they are dismissed as inefficient wastrels. Imagine the extra leverage if from time to time the heads of famous public schools sided with these colleagues, just as Western writers campaign for their peers living under dictatorships.

If might lead to better funding for state schools and lower fees for independents. It is, after all, axiomatic that whenever a private school head does talk to a comprehensive colleague, what the toff head really, really wants to know is how the hell — on the money per capita and the unselected pupils — the state schools do as well as they do.

*comment@the-times.co.uk*



## Shock tactic

IF YOU find the shocking new NSPCC adverts effective, here's why: Peter Mandelson has been heavily involved. The rehabilitation of the former Trade and Industry Secretary continues, after his recent work for the VSO. The master messenger has attended numerous meetings and helped to persuade Tony Blair to launch the campaign with the Duke of York yesterday.

The ads, to be promoted by Baby Spice, below left, contain harrowing cries of children. Peter, who, I hear, has turned down several lucrative business offers, has spent much (unpaid) time on this. As well as doing some good, it might even help his campaign to get back into the Cabinet one day.



A PUNGENT smell of curry has prompted Tiggy Legge-Bourke to move house. The "royal assistant" waiting after visits from The Indian Diner, an exotic food emporium in Battersea, is moving a few streets away where she is having a new pad knocked up.

■ PLATOONS of Filipinos are compiling a history of the Scottish language. The *Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue*, a 6,800-page affair, is being bashed out by toilers in Manila. The multi-volume history has gestated for 60 years (Robert Maxwell took it on, but his dip thwarted plans).

Editors hope the Filipinos — sent handwritten scribbles by post — will avoid mistakes with older words, as "it is all foreign to them" (handily, their wages are half those of local rappers). "It could give you 50 to 100 Scottish companies who would have loved to bid for this work," moans a business type.

LORD HURD OF WESTWELL has finally discovered what his aides were up to when they blew round the globe. In a foreword to *Tim to Kill Sparrows*, an anthology of poems by diplomats, the former Foreign Secretary admits: "As they gazed out of the aircraft, scribbled at meetings where there was no need, or walked in solitude up the Ambassador's lawn, they were writing poetry."

■ AS Lord Sainsbury of Turville recovers from the GM food saga, he is hardly sending round supermarket hampers of gratitude to his DTT boss Stephen Byers. "Stephen is so ambitious he failed to stick his neck out for his colleague," I hear. Still, as Byers raids his piggy-bank to bribe BMW to stay here, Sainsbury can comfort himself with the thought that his personal wealth of £23 billion is exactly the same as the DTT's entire budget.



DAN FRANKLIN, editorial director at Cape, has a tough trip ahead. He is to mind Howard Marks and Irvine Welsh during a publishing bash in Amsterdam.

■ THE Sergeant at Arms was mistaken when he persuaded a new Speaker's Chaplain to give up his dresser. Canon Peter Jennings persuaded Robert Wright to dispense with one of the perks of the job after suggesting it was "a peculiarity of his predecessor."

But the Speaker's Chaplain has had a dresser since time immemorial. Importantly, the funkey helps the cleric with his black cassock, cape and pointed hat before switching towards the chamber with our dear Speaker.

The Sergeant has retained his own dresser. Orders about how his sword should be laid out are pinned up at Westminster.

SURFING the Tory Euro website, Denis MacShane, europhile Labour MP, was pleasantly surprised: "I was expecting barbed wire and Union Jacks but it was more europhile that Labour's."

JASPER GERARD

## CLASS POLITICS

An imaginative initiative for inner-city education

Two months ago Tony Blair spoke of a Britain with an ever more middle-class electorate. Those responsible for public relations within Downing Street have clearly taken that message to heart. Great efforts have been made to portray the series of initiatives launched by Mr Blair and Mr Blunkett yesterday as a carefully crafted strategy designed to turn the middle classes back to inner-city comprehensives. In truth, the six areas at the heart of this £350 million programme contain relatively few such affluent parents. For all the considerable publicity offered to those measures that are deliberately aimed at stretching the top 10 per cent of pupils, rather more of the money will be spent on new and intensive efforts to help the least able.

With the exception of a few enclaves, such as Islington, where many middle-class parents are faced with a choice between uninspiring local state schools, it will be the poor but able who benefit the most from the Government's efforts. They will receive additional teaching within their own schools and the opportunity to use facilities at specialist and beacon schools in their area. Mr Blunkett intends to redeploy old and new resources in a manner that offers the most to those whose raw talent should be enough to steer them towards university, but who, at the moment, all too often do not have the chance to develop their potential.

This is an admirable objective even if the political salesmanship that has accompanied it has been somewhat misleading. The sum of money involved is substantial. The accompanying shift in philosophy will be at least as important. Mr Blair has not banished mixed ability teaching but he is marginalising it. This package represents a political victory for the meritocrats within the Downing Street policy unit over their more egalitarian colleagues at the Department for Education and Employment.

## PRIMAKOV RULES

Still a chance to lever Russia back on to the reform road

When Yevgeny Primakov arrives in Washington to meet Vice-President Al Gore and the IMF, one immediate subject of conversation is likely to be Kosovo. But the real issue will be the very future of Russia's reform programme and what sort of country it will be in the post-Yeltsin age.

To many international bankers, Mr Primakov is a Libyanka-trained Oliver who ought surely not dare to ask for more after last August's default. The Prime Minister badly needs to convince his hosts that new aid will not follow past loans into overseas personal bank accounts.

Whether or not he intends to succeed President Yeltsin in elections next year, Mr Primakov rules in Russia today. In a murky Kremlin this much stands clear; nothing else does, save the problems of communism's crisis-ridden afterlife.

Russia remains too vital to pretend that its agony does not matter. The spectacle of its staggering Government, irresolute but wilful on the precipice, makes people long for a more stable alternative. It is becoming tempting to specify that alternative in the name of an authoritarian Mr Primakov.

The Primakov label remains a tag on a mystery package. Some Russians hail Mr Primakov as a Soviet Cincinnatus, summoned to save the nation from chaos. Others ask: is former spymaster Primakov a walking ghost whom eight years of reform have not laid? His shadowy KGB background, his placing of senior ex-colleagues to oversee supposedly private media companies, his putting to rout of his rival Boris Berezovsky might be visible signs of an ominous political rot.

Mr Yeltsin's decay has allowed Mr Primakov to put in his bid at the Kremlin's auction of power. It was Mr Primakov who

it also crystallises the emerging "Blair doctrine" on education policy. This might be described as the three S's — setting, specialisation and standards. The single most significant aspect of this tripod may prove to be the Prime Minister's determination that more schools should develop distinctive academic interests, be it languages, science or technology, and attract parents and students on this basis. That drive is to be supported by an extension of beacon schools which serve as broader centres of excellence. The development or not of these institutions will be the single most important factor in determining whether theory translates into practice.

The Prime Minister predicted yesterday that he would be attacked from one side by those for whom grammar schools remain sacrosanct and by another for whom the slightest hint of selection within comprehensives is akin to ideological treason. He thus implied that in this as so many other respects, he represents a reasonable "Third Way" between the hotheads. The analogy is not completely accurate. The remaining 160 grammar schools represent no threat to Mr Blair's ambitions. Their abolition would do nothing to help, and may eventually harm, the very children on whom the Prime Minister would rightly wish to focus his considerable energies.

Mr Blair's real challenge lies with those who will now charge that his blueprint is "divisive" and that it undermines the core principles upon which comprehensive education should be structured. This claim is of very limited credibility but enormous emotional power within his own party and the teaching profession. The Prime Minister has put forward a bold and coherent plan and made available a more than adequate amount of money. It remains to be seen whether schools, and especially the local education authorities concerned, will make the most of this opportunity.

## BEYOND PATAGONIA

A chance to glimpse the life of a man of myth

In 1977, when *In Patagonia* appeared under the little known name of Bruce Chatwin, travel writing was already an art at which the British seemed to excel: from Smollett's *Travels in France and Italy* to Lawrence's *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* and Apsley Cherry-Garrard's *The Worst Journey in the World* it was the literary obverse of the soldier's tale. Yet Chatwin's book became one of the most admired, imitated and collected volumes of our age. The author's sharp, particular eye changed the genre's shape, made the journey itself a prism through which the light of the writer's language could be seen.

The book's 97 sections contained his own recollections, tales from other travellers and history, blended in a way that still stands as unique. Does it matter if the famous telegram — "Gone to Patagonia" — never actually existed? Does it matter if Bruce Chatwin, who died ten years ago and wrote, in his short life, just five books, lost his life not to a rare oriental disease, as he claimed, but to AIDS instead? It was Chatwin's strength, not his weakness, that he was a fabulist, unable to untangle the strands of his glittering life, whose story we begin in *The Times* today, from the threads of his equally brilliant tales.

He had been a director of Sotheby's but saved a more adventurous life. Setting off for the southern tip of Argentina — ostensibly to track down the origins of a

family heirloom, the pelt of a giant sloth — he returned not with skin but with the seeds of his first book. His rise at the auction house had been swift while still only a porter, he had spotted a "Picasso" watercolour for a fake. He brought this gift of observation, to his travels.

*In Patagonia* and the four books that followed it are filled with images that hang in the memory, luminous as sunlight stained glass. His highly impressionist tale-telling spawned many less skilful imitators. But Chatwin cannot be blamed for that.

The story of his life is not easy to tell. A self-made man in every way, from his earliest days he spun tales that cast a spell. He was of no noble birth; yet many thought that he was. He was a married man, whose American wife, Elizabeth Chanler, was given a wedding ring 24 centuries old; but he continued to have many affairs with men. His blond, pale-eyed beauty was striking, his charm could be overpowering; and yet both kept him at distance from others. He was photographed by Robert Mapplethorpe, but, like very few of that artist's subjects, he kept his clothes on.

Nicholas Shakespeare's biography of Chatwin gives a revealing portrait of a writer who set a special mark on the literature of our time. Through the voices of those who recall him it brings his mystery alive; it ought also to bring back readers to the prose that made Chatwin's name.

## Aims and effects of Nato airstrikes

From the Reverend Professor Emeritus Adrian Hastings

Sir, The mass destruction and murder under way in Kosovo are proof positive that Milosevic knows he is about to lose it and hopes to please Serb nationalism with the scale of punishment inflicted on Kosovars while it is still possible to do so. Neither he nor anyone in Serbia wants a war with NATO or serious damage to Serbia itself but, in my view, they will continue to devastate Kosovo until five minutes before, or ten minutes after, NATO actually attacks.

This vast escalation in terrorism would not have happened without the recent Paris peace talks. It seems, in consequence, the direct responsibility of NATO and of Robin Cook, who largely controlled the course of negotiations.

The situation can only get worse until intervention actually begins to half a crime greater even than that which Milosevic inflicted upon Bosnia.

Yours,  
ADRIAN HASTINGS,  
3 Holm Hill House,  
219 Oakwood Lane, Leeds LS8 2PE.  
March 22

From Mr S. J. Tennent

Sir, A species of wisdom seems to be becoming established over Kosovo. This is that airstrikes would achieve nothing and only play into the hands of Mr Milosevic.

I suggest this has to do with our civilised distaste for the gung-ho methods of our American leaders. It does not mean that airstrikes would not be just as rapidly effective as they were in Bosnia in September 1995.

Our humanity recoils from the reality that there are some rulers so powerful, dangerous and ruthless that we have to employ ruthless methods to protect the world from them.

The bleak truth, in my view, is that deadly force is needed, justified and likely to be effective if the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia persists in genocide or ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. NATO is probably adequately equipped to "write down" Mr Milosevic's arsenal of howitzers, tanks, armoured cars and planes and to discourage deeply the men manning them.

Yours sincerely,  
S. J. TENNENT,  
St Helens, High Street,  
Gifford, Haddington EH41 4QU.  
March 22

From Dr Robert McGeehan

Sir, Your leading article on Kosovo (March 20) urges a massive rather than a token military operation if airstrikes on Yugoslavia are undertaken. Yet however repulsive the regime in Belgrade, it cannot be wise for NATO to launch an armed attack on a sovereign state without clear UN Security Council authorisation.

The credibility of the Atlantic alliance is on the line in Kosovo not because any vital Western interest is at stake, but because it has been put there by American and NATO officials seemingly more anxious to strike a moral pose than admit that a highly complex situation cannot be reduced to good guys v bad guys.

The likely effects of devastating bombing will not be peace but an extended conflict, a divided alliance, Russian hostility, Serbian defiance and profound regret in the future that the rules of international law have been so lightly dismissed.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBERT McGEEHAN,  
Cooks Corner Farm,  
Freeland, Oxfordshire OX8 8HW.  
March 22

European elections

From Mr Jonathan Sayeed, MP for Mid Bedfordshire (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Brian Shaw (letter, March 16) states that he will be spoiling his ballot paper for the European elections as he considers the closed-list system to be an affront to democracy.

Mr Shaw is right to feel affronted by a Labour Party decision that makes a Labour candidate's electoral future dependent on keeping the party bosses sweet, rather than the support of the electorate.

Instead of wasting his vote Mr Shaw should use it to support the Conservatives. They are the only major party that has consistently opposed Labour's undemocratic closed-list system.

Yours faithfully,  
JONATHAN SAYEED,  
House of Commons.  
March 16

From Mrs Margaret L. Willmer

Sir, I agree with Mr Brian Shaw. Opportunity must be given for us to register our protest by spoiling the voting paper.

I certainly do not intend to vote for a nameless politician — I shall mark my paper with a simple "who?" Perhaps we could start a "who?" campaign?

Yours faithfully,  
M. L. WILLMER,  
23 Lyminster Road, NW6 1HZ.  
margaret@willmer.demon.co.uk  
March 16

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Loss of legal aid for bankrupts

From Professor Muir Hunter, QC

Sir, The serious effects of the Lord Chancellor's intention to substantially reduce civil legal aid, criticised by Mr Ashley Holmes and others (letter, March 15; see also letter, March 22) are bound to apply particularly to bankruptcy and insolvency cases.

Ever since legal aid began, it has been regularly granted, in meritious cases, to debtors and bankrupts, and their partners; without it, an insolvent person may have little chance of defending his civic status and civil rights, and of avoiding the hazards and miseries of bankruptcy.

I have asked the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Legal Aid Board that they envisage that an insolvent litigant will henceforth be represented. Their view seems to be that he/she must enter into a conditional fee agreement with lawyers, for an insolvent litigant, that suggestion is surely unrealistic.

The refusal of legal aid must increasingly lead to litigants appearing in person. Mr Richard Southwell, QC, in his recent judgment in *Melita Royal Bank of Scotland* (Law Report, January 29) deplored the waste of court time and costs which had resulted from refusing legal aid to the successful plaintiff.

The denial of legal aid in such cases must also hamper the Government's policy, in its recent Competitiveness White Paper (leading article, December 17, 1998) of developing the "rescue culture"; how can the deserving insolvent be rescued, with no funding for lawyers?

Does not the Human Rights Act oblige our society to provide the citizen with lawyers to defend his status and rights?

Yours faithfully,  
MUIR HUNTER  
(Visiting Professor of Insolvency Law,  
Bournemouth University),  
3/4 South Square,  
Gray's Inn, WC1R 5HP.  
March 22

From Mr Christopher Frazer

Sir, Clause 1 of the new Civil Procedure Rules states that their "overriding objective" is "dealing with a case justly", which includes "ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing" — precisely what the Lord Chancellor's Department sees as a "gimmick" in the Access to Justice Bill.

Are we now to expect that "overriding objective" to be deleted in the first revision of the rules?

Yours faithfully,  
CHRISTOPHER FRAZER,  
2 Harcourt Buildings,  
Temple, EC4Y 9DB.  
March 22

### Hollywood films rewrite the past

From Mr Ian Curtis, President of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain

Sir, What a relief that Hollywood has again corrected history, this time marked by the Oscars awarded to *Saving Private Ryan*, a splendid film demonstrating unequivocally that the crucial British contribution to the tragic invasion of Omaha Beach on D-Day was a complete myth. Thank goodness for intellectual rigour.

This is shortly to be followed by another great cinema epic showing that the Enigma code machine — one of the two main factors that enabled us to survive Hitler's war — was not in fact captured from a U-boat in a remarkable incident led by Captain Baker-Cresswell and his Royal Navy team, as we have mistakenly believed all these years, but by an all-American crew. No matter that the capture took place in May 1941, months before America entered the war; the film triumphantly overcomes all such small-minded pedantry.

Not too far off, I feel sure, is the remake of *The Battle of Britain*, which will show the extraordinary bravery of the Americans in sweeping the Luftwaffe from our skies. It will no doubt rightly give prominence to Winston Churchill's great speech in praise of America, delivered to the Little-Mowbray-under-the-Hill Home Guard, a body of men in their nineties and clearly in the last stages of decrepitude, a speech curiously little reported at the time.

We should dismiss as hopelessly fuddy-duddy the superstition that most young people nowadays learn their history from film and television, not from books, and it is upon their understanding of what has gone before that their own decisions, both personal and public, will be based.

Not to be outdone, the Writers' Guild of Great Britain is shortly to commence production of a multi-million-pound epic retelling the story of just how ingeniously the British got the first man on the Moon. We shall naturally invite Neil Armstrong to the premiere. He will surely understand that, just because we will state clearly, "This is a True Life Story", we don't course mean it actually happened.

Yours truly,  
IAN CURTIS,  
President,  
The Writers' Guild of Great Britain,  
430 Edgware Road, W2 1EH.  
March 22

### Change in hallmarks

From the Deputy Chairman of the British Jewellers Association

Sir, My sympathy lies with Professor Declan Anderson (letter, March 20) who comments that the UK seems to be ahead of its partners in applying European law.

There has been no European legislation on hallmarking, but the European Court of Justice has ruled that EU states with independent testing bodies like our Assay Offices should recognise each other's marks. Our amended law has been introduced but there is no definitive list of which countries' systems provide a guaranteed equivalent to ours: there is no complete set of illustrations of their marks; it is not certain which finenesses may be put on the market.

Yet the British Government is choosing instead an unworkable and unenforceable compromise which denigrates the traditional system and frustrates those who seek progress.

Yours faithfully,  
LAWRENCE BREWER,  
Hertfordshire WD4 8LU.  
March 21

From Mr Ken Gilbert

Sir, The news that the Government is to provide extra tuition for the 5 to 10 per cent of high-flyers in inner-city schools (report, March 22) suggests to me that this tuition could best be supplied in separate institutions which could be called, I suppose, grammar schools.

I await with interest what the Government proposes for the 10 per cent of children at the bottom end of the attainment scale. Work at 14 perhaps?

Yours faithfully,  
KEN GILBERT,  
26 Gallows Hill, Kings Langley,  
Hertfordshire WD4 8LU.  
March 22

### US and Ireland

From Mr Alan Turner

Sir, At the St Patrick's Day parade here in San Francisco on March 14, Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, headed a parade which included two large groups, one calling for the disbandment of the RUC, and the other for the withdrawal of the Army ("The British Army — the true terrorists in Ireland") and remembering the hunger strikers.

Am I out of touch with what is going on over there?

Yours faithfully,  
ALAN TURNER,  
Ap 1005 Geary Courtyard,  
Geary Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94102.  
March 16

From Mr Peter Toogood

Sir, May I provide two examples of price differences between the UK and the US that I have found?

A US brand of "whitening" toothpaste is on sale in Horsham for £7.95. The same (standard) size in the US cost me the equivalent of £1.22. (Has the Chancellor introduced a toothpaste tax and not told anyone?)

A spectacle frame, made in Japan, cost me £170 in Horsham. I now find it can be ordered from the US on the Internet for £70 including postage.

Let's hope that Internet e-commerce puts an end to this blatant overcharging.

Yours sincerely,  
PETER TOOGOOD,  
11 Edinburgh Close,  
Southwater, Horsham RH1 7XB.  
pzt@btconnect.com  
March 12

From Mr Ed Robinson

Sir, It is good



## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
March 22: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning departed Gambi Airport, Gabon for London.

His Royal Highness this evening arrived RAF Northolt, London.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**  
March 22: The Prince of Wales, Chairman of the Trustees of the Royal Collection, this afternoon chaired a Trustees' meeting at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Ethiopian Challenge 1990 Expedition, later attended a reception at St James's Palace Apartments.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
March 22: The Duke of York

attended the Public Launch of the NSPCC Appeal at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
March 22: The Princess Royal, Patron, The Butler Trust, this morning gave an address and presented the certificates at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, this afternoon, officially opened Hill Homes' new nursing home, Bridge-side Lodge, in Wharf Road, Islington, London N1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, this evening attended the launch of the Gerald Durrell Biography at HarperCollins, 77-85 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6.

### Birthdays today

Princess Eugenie of York is nine today.

Mr Michael Atherton, cricketer, 31; Mr Norman Bailey, barrister, 66; Sir Roger Bannister, former Master, Pembroke College, Oxford, and first man to run sub-four-minute mile, 70; Mr Bryan Bass, former Headmaster, City of London School, 65; Professor R.J. Bennett, FBA, geographer, 51; Professor Francis Berry, poet and Shakespearean scholar, 84; Mr Barry Cryer, comedian and writer, 64; Professor Michael Gleeson, otolaryngologist, 51; Mr Peter Godfrey, former senior partner, Ernst & Whitney, 75; the Rev Dr Peter Graves, superintendent minister, Westminster Central Hall, 56; Professor Kenneth J. Gregory, former Warden, Goldsmith College, 61; Ms Lis Howell, former director of programmes, GMTV, 48; Sir Geoffrey Leigh, company chairman, 66; Sir David McNeely, former Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 74; Mr Michael Manser, architect, 70; Lord Morris of Manchester, 71; Mr Allan Mortman, Headmaster, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford, 50; Mr Michael Nyman, composer, 33; G.J. Taylor Professor of Fluid Mechanics, Cambridge University, 57; Sir Desmond Pitcher, former chairman, United Utilities, 64; Sir Ian Todd, former President, Royal College of Surgeons, 78; Sir Edward Warner, former diplomat, 88; Sir Denis Wright, former diplomat, 88.

### Service dinner

RAF Club Dining Society  
Mrs Polly Vacher was the guest of honour at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge presided and Captain T.R. Fulton also spoke.

### Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as patron, British Wheelchair Sports Foundation, will attend the launch of the Sporting Chance Appeal at Lancaster House, at 12.30; and will open the Art of the Silk Kingdoms exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 6.30.

Prince Edward will attend a performance of *Dracula* by the Northern Ballet Theatre at Sadler's Wells Theatre, at 7.25.

The Princess Royal will open the British Association of Clothing Machinery Manufacturers' CloTech '90 exhibition at the NEC Birmingham at 11.00; will open the Cranfield Innovation Centre, Moulsecoomb, Cranfield, Bedfordshire, at 2.00, and as patron, International Health Exchange, will open the annual meeting of the Charterhouse Hall, Secretariat House, London University, at 5.15. The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the 1st Battalion Devon and Dorset Regiment on exercise on Salisbury Plain at 11.00.

### Dinners

**Defence and Security Forum**  
The Ambassador of Israel was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Defence and Security Forum held last night at the Carlton Club, Lady Olga Maitland, president, was in the chair.

**Inter-Parliamentary Union**  
Mr Alan Rogers, vice-chairman of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was the host at a dinner held last night on board *RS Hispaniola* in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Macedonia.

**Society of Chemical Industry**  
Mr R.A. Holland, Chairman of Council of the Society of Chemical Industry, presented the 1989 SCI Lampitt medal to Professor Norman Blamey at a dinner held last night at Belgrave Square.



Judges selecting the finalists yesterday from more than 600 entries for this year's NatWest Art Prize. Work by the 11 shortlisted artists will go on show at the Lothbury Gallery in London on May 17. The competition, which has a £26,000 top prize and ten prizes of £1,000, is open to artists under 35 living, working or studying in Britain.

### Anniversaries

**BIRTHS:** William Smith, geologist, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1769; Alfred Milner, Viscount Milner, imperialist, Giessen, Germany, 1854; Michael Savage, Prime Minister of Canada 1935-40, Rotheray, Victoria, 1872; Sir Muirhead Bone, watercolourist and etcher, Glasgow, 1876; Juan Gris, painter and pioneer of Cubism, Madrid, 1887; Cedric Gibbons, film designer, Dublin, 1993; Eric Fromm, physiologist, Frankfurt am Main, 1900; Joan Crawford, actress, San Antonio, Texas, 1904; Werner von Braun, pioneer of rocketry, Wirsitz, Germany, 1912; Jimmy Edwards, comedy actor, Barnes, 1922; Donald Campbell, holder of land and water speed records, Horley, Surrey, 1921.

**DEATHS:** Thomas Holcroft, dramatist and novelist, London, 1809; August von Kotzebue, dramatist, murdered, Mannheim, Germany, 1819; Stephan (Marie-Louis) Seydel, novelist, Paris, 1842; Raoul Dufy, painter, Forcalquier, France, 1953.

London's first trams, designed by a Mr Train of New York, began operating from Bayswater, 1861.

Benito Mussolini, an Italian socialist journalist, formed the Fascists to fight liberalism and communism, 1919.

Austin Peay, Governor of Tennessee, signed a statute forbidding the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution in state schools, 1925.

The first official meeting for 400 years between the heads of the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches took place in Rome, 1966.

### Assistant Recorders

The following have been appointed to sit as Assistant Recorders on the South Eastern Circuit:

Mr Graham Linley Aldous; Miss Grace Tina Amakye; Miss Shani Estelle Barnes; Miss Sallie Ann Bennett Jenkins; Mr Nicholas John Gorrod Blake, QC; Mr Andrew John Bright; Mr John Brookes-Smith; Mr Frank Burton, QC; Mr John Arthur Cauley; Mr Roger Graham Chapple; Mr Edward Mervyn Cohen; Mr Bruce Robert Coleman; Miss Kharla Pauline Cox; Mr John Stanislaus Dodd; Mr Mark Christopher Ellison; Mr Simon Dennis Marsden Freeland; Mr Neil Stephen Garnham; Mrs Diana Frances Good; Mr Allan Peter Gore; Mr Courtney Deslaurier McVay Griffiths, QC; Mr Peter Liam Guest; Mr Nicholas Archibald Hamblett; Mr Nicholas Michael Heathcote Williams; Miss

### Reception

**CHEC**  
Dr L.M. Singhvi, honorary president of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), and General of the Human Ecology Foundation, were the hosts at a reception held last night in New Zealand House to mark the 40th anniversary of the council and the honours received on Mrs New Zealand's visit.

**Guild of Freemen of the City of London**

The following have been installed officers of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London:

Master, Mr Terry Neuber; Senior Warden, Mr Joseph Byblaw; Barnes Renter Warden, Mr David Irving; Junior Warden, Lady Moore Black; Under Warden, Mr Raymond Holl.

### Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators

The following have been installed officers of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators:

Master, Captain John Hutchins; Master-elect, Mr Arthur Thorsning; Wardens, Mr Michael Graybar; Mr Duncan Simpson and Mr Michael Willett.

### University news

**Cambridge**  
King's College

Stephen Anthony Alford, PhD, St Andrews, Scotland, has been elected a Senior Research Fellow in British History from October 1, for four years.

### Church news

#### Bishop of Edmonton

The Ven Peter Wheately, Archdeacon of Hampstead (London) to be Curate Southmead St Stephen (same diocese).

Canon John Ashton, Vicar, Willingdon (Chichester); to be Canon of Chichester Cathedral, and Prebendary of Heaviley.

Canon Colin Bevington, Chaplain to the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, and Diocesan and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer; to be Rural Dean of Saffron, and Priest-in-Charge, Holbrook, Freshwater, and Prebendary of Earlswood (same diocese).

Appointments

The Rev Brian Abell, Vicar, Masham and Hawes (Ripon); to be also Hon Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

Canon Robert Aitken, Vicar, Durington (Chichester); to be also Canon of Chichester Cathedral, and Prebendary of Earlswood.

Canon John Ashton, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Bescotfield, Thursday March 29th at 2.30 pm.

Enquiries to Canon Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 65 Unthank Road, Norwich.

**CLAYTON** - Tom, on 15th March, suddenly aged 95. Dear late friend of Mrs Clayton at 1.00pm, 24th March at Putney Vale. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Royal Aylring Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford.

**GILBERT** - Peacefully at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Wednesday March 28th at 1.00pm, 24th March at Putney Vale. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Royal Aylring Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford.

**MACDONALD** - June 1999, suddenly on 15th March, widow of the late Bob Macdonald, mother of Peter and Daniel. Funeral service to be held at Caldecote Crematorium on Friday 26th March at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Royal Aylring Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Halesowen.

**MACKINNON** - June 1999, peacefully on 15th March, widow of the late Bob Mackinnon, mother of Peter and Daniel. Funeral service to be held at Caldecote Crematorium on Friday 26th March at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Royal Aylring Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Halesowen.

**PLANTER** - On 21st March 1999, peacefully at home in London, Sir Edward Playfair KCB, aged 89, much loved husband of Molly, beloved of Sam, and Geraldine Marks, her sister Janice, brother Adrian, their families, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

**MAGNUS** - Anna, widow of S.W. (née Marks) Magnus. A lady of great courage and dignity passed away peacefully on 15th March 1999. Her illness bravely borne on 17th March. Dearily loved and sadly missed by her beloved son, Geraldine, and grand-daughter, Sandra.

**PATRICK** - Anna, widow of S.W. (née Marks) Magnus. A lady of great courage and dignity passed away peacefully on 15th March 1999. Her illness bravely borne on 17th March. Dearily loved and sadly missed by her beloved son, Geraldine, and grand-daughter, Sandra.

**PARTRIDGE** - Ronald, died 27th March 1999, suddenly at home in London, aged 87. Much loved husband of Gladys, father of Gillian and Alastair, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Chipping Barnet, on Monday 29th March at 2.30pm.

**ROBERTSON** - Ronald, died 27th March 1999, suddenly at home in London, aged 87. Much loved husband of Gladys, father of Gillian and Alastair, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Chipping Barnet, on Monday 29th March at 2.30pm.

**ROSE** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of the late Gweneth Margaret of Lowes Chatsworth, Chatsworth, Derbyshire, grandfather, passed away 18th March 1999. The Lord Great and the Lord Beaumont take leave.

**ROTHAMSTEAD** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**SCOTT** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**SHAW** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**SMITH** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**THOMAS** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WHITE** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

**WILSON** - Kenneth Beaumont, beloved husband of Mary. Dear love of Irene and Nigel. Will be greatly missed by all. Dear son, Samuel, a brother for Gabriella, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

MARCH 23 1999

THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

## OBITUARIES

Sir Michael Caine,  
Chairman of Booker,  
1979-93, died on March 20  
aged 71. He was born on  
June 17, 1927.

In a career of more than forty years with the international food and agriculture company Booker, Michael Caine was successively chief executive and chairman. But his interests ranged over a much wider field than the immediate concerns of the business. Caine was until 1995 the guiding spirit of the Booker Prize for Fiction, serving as chairman of its management committee for nearly 25 years.

For all the razzmatazz that accompanies the prize today, with the accent on big names, big controversies and big sales, Caine's original modest aim was simply to recognise and promote new English-language novels of distinction. He had an arm's-length attitude to the judges and their choices, and although he was

a voracious reader, he kept his shrewd criticisms of the shortlists almost to himself.

In his quarter-century as host of the award ceremony, Caine had many alarming moments. In 1972 the winner, John Berger, accused the sponsors of more than a century of Third World exploitation and said he would be giving half his retained prize money to the Black Panthers. The following year, J. G. Farrell lambasted fast-food company chairmen and the Royal Family, while R. A. Butler inexplicably cracked anti-Semitic jokes as he handed over the winner's cheque. Other dramas included Beyoncé singing lying down on the floor for the entire ceremony, claiming that she felt more comfortable there, while the television coverage itself often made the news through its tendency to trivialise the event. But the prize itself came in for some of the fiercest attacks, with year claims that Booker had "dumbed it down" to the extent that it had more to do

with showbusiness than with literature.

Caine bore this canonade of insults with equanimity. When, in 1991, he was asked to widen Booker's literary sponsorship to post-perestroika Russia, he jumped at the chance. He enlisted the help of the British Council, but happily tramped the streets of Moscow himself, searching out Russian literary figures in Stalinist apartment blocks — despite not having a word of Russian. With Booker sponsorship coming to an end, he worked hard to ensure continued support from a new sponsor, Diageo.

Michael Caine was born in Hong Kong, the son of Sir Sydney Caine, a colonial civil servant and Director of the London School of Economics, and Muriel Harris. He was educated at Bedales, Bedales College, Oxford, and in America at George Washington University. After serving in the British Embassy in Washington, he joined Booker

## SIR MICHAEL CAINE



Caine: combined formidable intellect with a sense of fun

as a protégé of Lord Campbell of Eskan in 1952.

He began his business career in Guyana, to which he later returned to lead the team

amicable, and a later Guyanese Government turned back to Booker to manage its nationalised sugar factories and estates.

Caine will be remembered for his untroubled work in the Commonwealth, especially in Africa. From his first visits to Zambia and Malawi in the 1950s he became a doughty champion of that troubled continent. He took up the daunting challenge of organising and fundraising for Africa '93, a celebration of African arts. It took two years to prepare, with nationwide exhibitions and concerts, bringing previously unknown music, art, dance and poetry to millions.

At the time of his death, he was president of the Royal African Society, having served as its chairman for the previous 12 years. He was also chairman of the African Emerging Markets Fund, of the Africa Centre in London and of the Artisan Trust. Earlier he had been a director

and deputy chairman of the Commonwealth Development Corporation and served on various other bodies promoting private investment, including the business advisory group of the International Finance Corporation in Washington.

Caine combined a formidable intellect with a sense of fun. He overcame a distinct stammer by ignoring it. He had a phenomenal memory for people and places. He was generous in praise, skilled at coaxing and gentle in admonition. He was as relaxed with presidents and company chairmen as with friends over lunch at the Reform Club or pottering in his garden. Once, when in Barbados watching cricket, he was summoned to tea by the former Commonwealth Secretary-General, his old friend Sir "Sonny" Ramphal, and during an interval in play he simply took a short cut across the pitch.

As well as his Commonwealth interests, Caine was at various times a council member of the Institute of Race Relations; Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford; the Institute of Development Studies; and the IBA. He was chairman of the UK Council for Overseas Student Affairs, the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission, the One World Broadcasting Trust and Five TV. He was knighted in 1988.

Michael Caine was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and in recent years his family was augmented by Amar, a badly injured Iraqi orphan of whom Caine and his second wife, Emma Nicholson, became the guardians.

He married, first, Janice Mercer (a marriage dissolved in 1987) and, second, in 1987, Emma Nicholson (Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne), to whom he gave devoted support in her parliamentary career as a Conservative and later a Liberal Democrat MP. She survives him, with the son and daughter of his first marriage.

## ALFRED SCHLEE



Schlee witnessed musical revolution at first hand

Alfred Schlee, music publisher, died in Vienna on February 16 aged 97. He was born on November 19, 1901.

THE Viennese publishing house of Universal Edition has, since its foundation in 1901, played a crucial part in shaping the history of modern music. It has been the main outlet for some of the most important and influential composers of the century, among them Arnold Schoenberg, Alban Berg, Anton Webern, Béla Bartók, Karol Szymanowski, Leos Janácek and Kurt Weill. As the firm's longest-serving employee, Alfred Schlee bore witness at first hand to the musical revolutions that swept through Europe and beyond in the early decades of the century and, with similar ferocity, soon after the end of the Second World War.

Throughout his long career, Schlee displayed a knack for tracking down the best and the most durable in new music. The high esteem in which he was held in the musical world was evident on the occasion of his 90th birthday when, at a concert given in Vienna's Konzerthaus by the Arditti String Quartet, no fewer than 20 distinguished composers, whose work he had tirelessly

promoted, offered tribute pieces in his honour. Among them were Luciano Berio, Pierre Boulez, György Kurtág, Oliver Messiaen and Arvo Pärt. Well into his nineties, although visibly frail and officially retired, Schlee continued to support his protégés attending, for instance, the Vienna premiere of *The Second Mrs Kong*, the Glyndebourne opera by a composer whom he had supported and published

long before he acquired the international reputation he now enjoys — Sir Harrison Birtwistle.

Alfred Schlee was born in Dresden and studied piano, cello and music theory from an early age. He continued his studies of musicology, composition, philosophy and theatre in Munich, Leipzig and Vienna. At the same time he pursued the interest in modern art which was to remain

with him all his life. During the 1920s he became involved with the Bauhaus movement (collaborating with Oscar Schlemmer on his *Triadic Ballet*); met Erich Kleiber during the premiere of Berg's *Wozzeck* in Berlin; made contact with the Brecht circle; and worked as a dance critic, répétiteur and, at theatres in Münster and Gera, as a dramaturg.

Family problems meant that he was unable to complete his doctoral studies, but he had the good fortune to make contact with Universal Edition (UE), where a number of independent projects, including the editorship of the firm's influential modern music journal *Anbruch*, prepared him for the permanent relationship with the company into which he was soon to enter and to which he devoted the rest of his life. His career was to stretch from the period of composition of Berg's *Lulu* in the 1920s and 1930s to the opera's triumphant Parisian premiere *in toto* some fifty years later.

Schlee officially joined UE in 1927, working first for a short period at the firm's headquarters in Vienna, under the guidance of the head of the music theatre department

Hans Heinheimer. He was soon given greater responsibility and in 1930 relocated to Berlin, where it was his duty to further the company's interests in Germany. Given UE's commitment to composers anathematised as "degenerates" by the Nazi authorities, it proved, of course, an uphill struggle, despite Schlee's best efforts, and in 1938 he returned to Vienna.

The war years themselves were a testing time for Schlee, who promoted to director, was one of the few permitted to remain on the company's staff. Perhaps because the company was based in Austria, UE was spared some of the pressure exerted on other houses to publish material of an overtly propagandist nature: its leading German rivals, such as Breitkopf & Härtel, Schott and Bärenreiter, all dutifully issued National Socialist songbooks.

Schlee not only succeeded in preserving a vast amount of condemned material for future publication, he also managed to publish a limited amount of new music, including a cantata by the blacklisted Webern. He was also able to add Gottfried von Einem and the Jewish Rolf Liebermann to the UE catalogue, and established cordial relations with the Swiss composer Frank Martin, whom he was later to publish.

After the war a new set of challenges presented themselves. With the exodus of many major music publishers, the virtual monopoly which Germany had enjoyed in the industry was effectively at an end. Rather than respond by attempting to build up a broadly based catalogue, encompassing music of all styles and periods, Schlee chose to reassess UE's commitment to music at the cutting edge of modernism. Not only were the firm's prewar composers vigorously promoted, but a remarkable influx of new talent, pre-eminently Berio, Birtwistle, Boulez, Mauricio Kagel and Karlheinz Stockhausen, soon found a welcome home within the distinctive white covers of the trimmatically produced scores.

Despite the acquisition of its catalogue of the minimalist Arvo Pärt, UE continues to this day as a publisher committed to the high modernist ideals of the greater part of the 20th century. Until his retirement in 1985, Schlee's career was inseparable from those of the composers he supported, major figures who continue, despite various anti-modernist backlashes, to lead the way in music today.

Alfred Schlee was an intensely private man, and even former colleagues only learnt of his death once the family funeral had taken place. He married Margarethe Molner in 1960. They had two sons.

## SIR EDWARD PLAYFAIR



Playfair: avid pursuit of a wide range of knowledge

Sir Edward Playfair, KCB, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, 1960-61, died on March 21 aged 89. He was born on May 17, 1909.

AFTER 22 years rising through the ranks of the Treasury, Edward Playfair found himself, in 1956 translated to the War Office as Under Secretary just before Suez. Both at the War Office and later at the Ministry of Defence, Playfair had a difficult row to hoe. In the aftermath of Suez there were drastic changes in the Army: the ending of National Service, the creation of an all-professional force, and massive reorganisations and cuts. In addition, this took place at a time when the Army was heavily engaged in a stream of brushfire campaigns abroad, various uprisings and the beginnings of the steady withdrawal from Empire.

Playfair's devotion to his defence posts cost him his chance to rise high in the Treasury, where he would have liked to end his Civil Service career. Consequently he felt highly aggrieved when, twenty years later, his name was suddenly before the public again as having been on an MI5 list of suspected traitors to their country. This came about when, in July 1984, it was revealed that his name, along with those of more than forty other officials, including such known spies for the Soviet Union as Kim Philby, had been passed by MI5's mole-hunters (among them Peter Wright, later the author of the book *Spycatcher*) to the head of the service, Sir Martin Frobisher-Jones, in the 1970s. Playfair, a former chairman of the trustees of the National Gallery and an old friend of the art historian and communist spy Anthony Blunt, vehemently denied the charges, and no more was heard of the matter.

Edward Wilder Playfair was the son of a physician. He was educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge, of which he was a scholar. He took a First in the Classical Tripos (Part I) in 1928 and a Second in the Historical Tripos (Part II) in 1930 and in the following year joined the Board of Inland Revenue.

In 1934 he went to the Treasury where, ten years later, he was promoted to Assistant Secretary. In 1946 he was seconded to the Foreign Office and went to the Control Office, Germany and Austria to take charge of finance. It was this service, and the close contact with the War Office it entailed, which made him a natural candidate to the War Office Under-Secretaryship when it later became vacant.

In 1947 he returned to the Treasury and by 1952 he had been promoted to Third Secretary in the post of Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Treasury. In 1956 he was appointed to the War Office as Under Secretary. He had strong artistic feelings and was a member of the Civil Service band, the "amateurs of soldiers", or in the rougher contacts of business life.

His true sphere was the Treasury, and there nothing can have been more congenial to him than the time when part of his responsibility related to museums and art galleries. He had strong artistic feeling and was a member of the Fine Arts Commission besides being chairman of the National Gallery, 1972-74.

His interest in education continued throughout his life; he was a governor of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, 1958-63, and served on the College Committee of the University of London, 1961-77. He was also a valued contributor to the obituary columns of *The Times*.

Edward Playfair was appointed CB in 1949 and promoted KCB in 1957.

He married, in 1941, Dr Mary Lois Rae (Molly), daughter of G. B. Rae, and had three daughters. His wife and children survive him.

## PERSONAL COLUMN

## FLIGHTS DIRECTORY

**FLIGHT SEARCHERS**  
01920 484007

**JETLINE**  
0171 360 1111

**FLIGHTSEEKERS**  
0171 663 4425

**DIAL-A-FLIGHT**  
0870 333 3377

**OVERSEAS EXPRESS**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1985</**







David Beckham in action during his team's 3-1 win on Sunday. Beckham's three Fantasy points put him on 32 for the season. Photograph: Owen Humphreys, Allsport

## A week to prepare for two £1,000 roll-over prizes

**T**here are no matches being played in the FA Carling Premiership in the next seven days, but next week's Fantasy League page will publish player lists updated to include any new signings made in the annual rush to beat the transfer deadline.

Yesterday, for example, Blackburn Rovers completed the transfer of Lee Carsley, the Derby County midfield player, and it is unlikely that he will be the last player to move to a Premiership club.

Newcastle United also confirmed their interest in Dean Richards, the highly-rated Wolverhampton Wanderers central defender, while Leeds United seem to have joined Middlesbrough at the head of the queue of clubs hoping to bring Juninho, the Brazil international midfield player, back to Britain from Atlético Madrid. Expect some new names from home and abroad to appear in the lists.

We will also announce the name of the winner of the £1,000 monthly prize for March, following one of the closest races yet, with two teams finishing on an identical number of points.

□ The winner of the ON-Target prize of £500 based on the numbers we publish today will be announced in a fortnight. So if your team's total points score, based on the updated player lists (right) comes to either 4 or 6, follow the instructions opposite and you could be a winner.

The following weekend is Easter. On Easter Tuesday, we will be publishing the usual two Fantasy League pages, to cover games played on Easter Saturday.

Since there will be no weekly prize next week, the weekly winner based on those games will receive a roll-over prize of £1,000. Points gained in games played on Easter Monday will be reflected in the player lists printed the week after.

The ON-Target winner based on the numbers printed on Easter Tuesday day will also receive a roll-over prize of £1,000.

□ From the Fantasy League point of view, last weekend was not a particularly high-scoring one, with



eight points, accrued by Matt Jansen of Blackburn Rovers and Chelsea's Tore Andre Flo the best individual performances.

Even so, Phil Clarke, our overall leader in the race for the £50,000 Times Fantasy League first prize, managed to maintain his 16-point advantage at the top of the leaderboard.

His team, Shabadi United, scored only nine points, but James Kerr, in second place before the weekend, did even less spectacularly: his team, Serious Squad, scored only seven.

This allowed Sarabot Kohli, the youth league leader, to take second place in the overall rankings by amassing 12 points.

It may be worth noting that the top two teams share four players:

- £50,000 to the top Fantasy League manager, plus a trip for two to the European Cup final
- £10,000 to the runner-up
- £5,000 for third place
- £1,000 monthly prizes: eight prizes of £1,000, plus £100 of Puma sports equipment
- £500 weekly prizes: 36 prizes of £500, plus £100 of Puma sports equipment
- £100 youth prize, plus monthly prizes of a Premiership football shirt
- £500 weekly On-Target prize

### PRIZES

Michael Ball, Sol Campbell, Harry Kewell and Dwight Yorke.

Campbell is benefiting from the tightening up of the Tottenham defence under George Graham. Ball shares the number three spot among full-backs with Celestine Babayaro and Nigel Winterburn, while Kevin is the top-scoring midfield player;

Yorke, of course, is the top overall points scorer in the Fantasy League lists as well as the number one forward.

□ For legal reasons, *The Times* Fantasy League is no longer able to accept entries from players under 18 years of age. Players 17 years and younger who are already registered in the main and youth leagues will, however, be allowed to remain in the competition.

You might have to do some

extra dealing after the first set of fixtures if you've got any transfers left, that is.

Oh yes, plenty. I've been saving them up for when I really need them.

It's getting a bit late in the season for that, wouldn't it?

Exactly: although my personal opinion is that neither Keane nor Hughes is

suitable for Boro.

Not good enough? Not foreign enough.

### As I was saying . . .

There are no games that affect the Fantasy League next weekend, then.

No FA Carling Premiership games, if that's what you mean, but I think a major international could affect some of the players. They might get injured, or play brilliantly and gain a lot of confidence, or make a howler and lose their form. You never know.

I suppose you're right, but it doesn't affect me very much: I haven't got many England players in any of my teams. But lots of other players are representing their various countries, so you'll be playing for a Boro player in your Fantasy team, you'd have to transfer him out before you could sign either of them — if they went to the Riverside in one piece.

Now you've got me worried, especially with the busy Easter weekend coming up in a fortnight's time: two games in two days for most teams.

You might have to do some extra dealing after the first set of fixtures if you've got any transfers left, that is.

Ah, because when players move between Premiership clubs, they are still counted as playing for their original clubs, but new arrivals from the Nationwide won't be.

Exactly: although my personal opinion is that neither

Keane nor Hughes is

suitable for Boro.

Not good enough? Not foreign enough.

Dear Mr Keegan,  
I'd be grateful if  
you didn't pick any of  
my fantasy players in  
Saturday...



### FANTASY LEAGUE SERVICES

Use these numbers for all the information you need:

#### CHECKLINE

To check your team's standing:

**0640 625 102**

(ex-UK +44 870 901 4292)

0640 calls cost 60p per minute (ex UK numbers charged at national rates)

#### TRANSFER LINE

To alter your team:

**0640 625 103**

(ex-UK +44 870 901 4293)

0640 calls cost 60p per minute (ex UK numbers charged at national rates)

#### FAXBACK

A comprehensive update sheet:

**0991 123 720**

(ex-UK +44 870 901 4280)

#### SUPER LEAGUE FAXBACK

A brand new service

**0991 123 721**

(ex-UK +44 870 901 4279)

Faxbacks cost £1 per minute (ex UK numbers charged at national rates)

#### HELPLINE

for any queries

**01582 702720**

### CHOOSE YOUR PLAYERS FROM HERE

Columns show: code, name, club, weekly points, total points, valuation (m).

#### GOALKEEPERS

102	D Souttar	ARS	3	37	3.7
124	M Gudjohnsen	AST	3	32	3.4
126	M Gudjohnsen	AST	3	28	3.1
140	M Odilson	AST	3	28	3.1
144	J Flannery	BLA	3	28	3.1
128	A Fabio	BLA	3	27	3.0
127	T Flanagan	BLA	3	27	3.0
128	N Scherzer	BLA	3	27	3.0
129	A Patterson	BLA	3	27	3.0
130	S Davies	CHE	3	27	3.0
131	E De Gea	CHE	3	27	3.0
132	S Ogurcov	CHE	3	26	2.9
133	M Heurelho	CHE	3	26	2.9
134	M Pepe	CHE	3	26	2.9
135	P Garbett	CHE	3	26	2.9
136	S Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
137	N Wimborne	CHE	3	26	2.9
138	N Menezes	CHE	3	26	2.9
139	P Robinson	CHE	3	26	2.9
140	P Archibald	CHE	3	26	2.9
141	B Frields	CHE	3	26	2.9
142	P Schmeichel	CHE	3	26	2.9
143	K Van Der Gaag	CHE	3	26	2.9
144	M Wilmots	CHE	3	26	2.9
145	M Harwood	CHE	3	26	2.9
146	S Oliveira	CHE	3	26	2.9
147	M Clattenburg	CHE	3	26	2.9
148	P Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
149	H Soglio	CHE	3	26	2.9
150	E Bamford	CHE	3	26	2.9
151	C Ferraris	CHE	3	26	2.9
152	D Fermoso	CHE	3	26	2.9
153	R Sutcliffe	CHE	3	26	2.9
154	D Souttar	CHE	3	26	2.9
155	N Freeman	CHE	3	26	2.9
156	M Dicks	CHE	3	26	2.9
157	N Wimborne	CHE	3	26	2.9
158	M Heurelho	CHE	3	26	2.9
159	P Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
160	S Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
161	M Harwood	CHE	3	26	2.9
162	N Menezes	CHE	3	26	2.9
163	P Robinson	CHE	3	26	2.9
164	P Archibald	CHE	3	26	2.9
165	B Frields	CHE	3	26	2.9
166	P Schmeichel	CHE	3	26	2.9
167	K Van Der Gaag	CHE	3	26	2.9
168	M Wilmots	CHE	3	26	2.9
169	M Harwood	CHE	3	26	2.9
170	S Oliveira	CHE	3	26	2.9
171	M Clattenburg	CHE	3	26	2.9
172	P Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
173	D Fermoso	CHE	3	26	2.9
174	C Ferraris	CHE	3	26	2.9
175	D Souttar	CHE	3	26	2.9
176	N Freeman	CHE	3	26	2.9
177	M Dicks	CHE	3	26	2.9
178	N Wimborne	CHE	3	26	2.9
179	P Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
180	S Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
181	P Robinson	CHE	3	26	2.9
182	P Archibald	CHE	3	26	2.9
183	B Frields	CHE	3	26	2.9
184	P Schmeichel	CHE	3	26	2.9
185	K Van Der Gaag	CHE	3	26	2.9
186	M Wilmots	CHE	3	26	2.9
187	M Harwood	CHE	3	26	2.9
188	S Oliveira	CHE	3	26	2.9
189	M Clattenburg	CHE	3	26	2.9
190	P Parker	CHE	3	26	2.9
191	D Fermoso	CHE	3	26	2.9
192	C Ferraris	CHE	3	26	2.9
193	D Souttar	CHE	3	26	2.9

# Flo's double brings joy to Sutton

Two goals from Chelsea's Norway striker helped Billy Boys to clinch this week's Fantasy League prize of £500 with 26 points

**C**helsea are back. Not that they had ever been very far away — but the 3-0 victory at Villa Park on Sunday announced that their challenge for the FA Cup Premiership was very much on track once again.

With Leeds United overtaking them on Saturday, and Villa on the sort of bad run that was bound to end sometime, Chelsea could have been forgiven a wary, safety-first performance instead, they produced a display that Gianluca Vialli, the Chelsea manager, described as one of their best of the season.

It was surely no coincidence that the match also marked the return to Premiership scoring form of Tore Andre Flo, the Norway international, who netted the first and third goals (either side of a Bjørn Goldbaek effort, both of which demonstrated a high degree of skill as well as a sureness of touch unusual in a forward player of his height (6'4").

First he outpaced Gareth Southgate before dragging the ball past the England defender and hitting a shot wide of Mark Bosnich. His second goal saw him fire his run to perfection before touching the ball beyond Bosnich and scoring on the turn. No surprise, then, that the 25-year-old, who was signed from Brann and also played for Tromsø, is our Fantasy player of the week.

Flo was sidelined for seven weeks with a knee injury in January and February but he scored against Valerenga on Thursday and against Villa he looked back to his best.

Vialli said: "It's quite normal when you have an injury for a few weeks for someone to take a while to get back in form. We knew that; so we weren't too worried about Tore Andre's performances so far. He responded very well today. He's fully confident now, which is very good for the foreseeable future."

"We're a team which likes to play passing football, nice football, so we need somebody to put the ball in the back of the net as often as possible."

Gianfranco Zola had three or four chances today, as did Tore, so that shows we played well and the creative play of our strikers was very good as well. Looking at the way they played today, I think they're in very good form."

"We want to stay up there and fight for the title so this was very important for us after two home defeats," Flo said.

"We have not scored much lately. This was good for us and we can build from here. This was much better than we have played before. We still want to fight for the title."

Flo's two goals brought him six Fantasy League points, and his

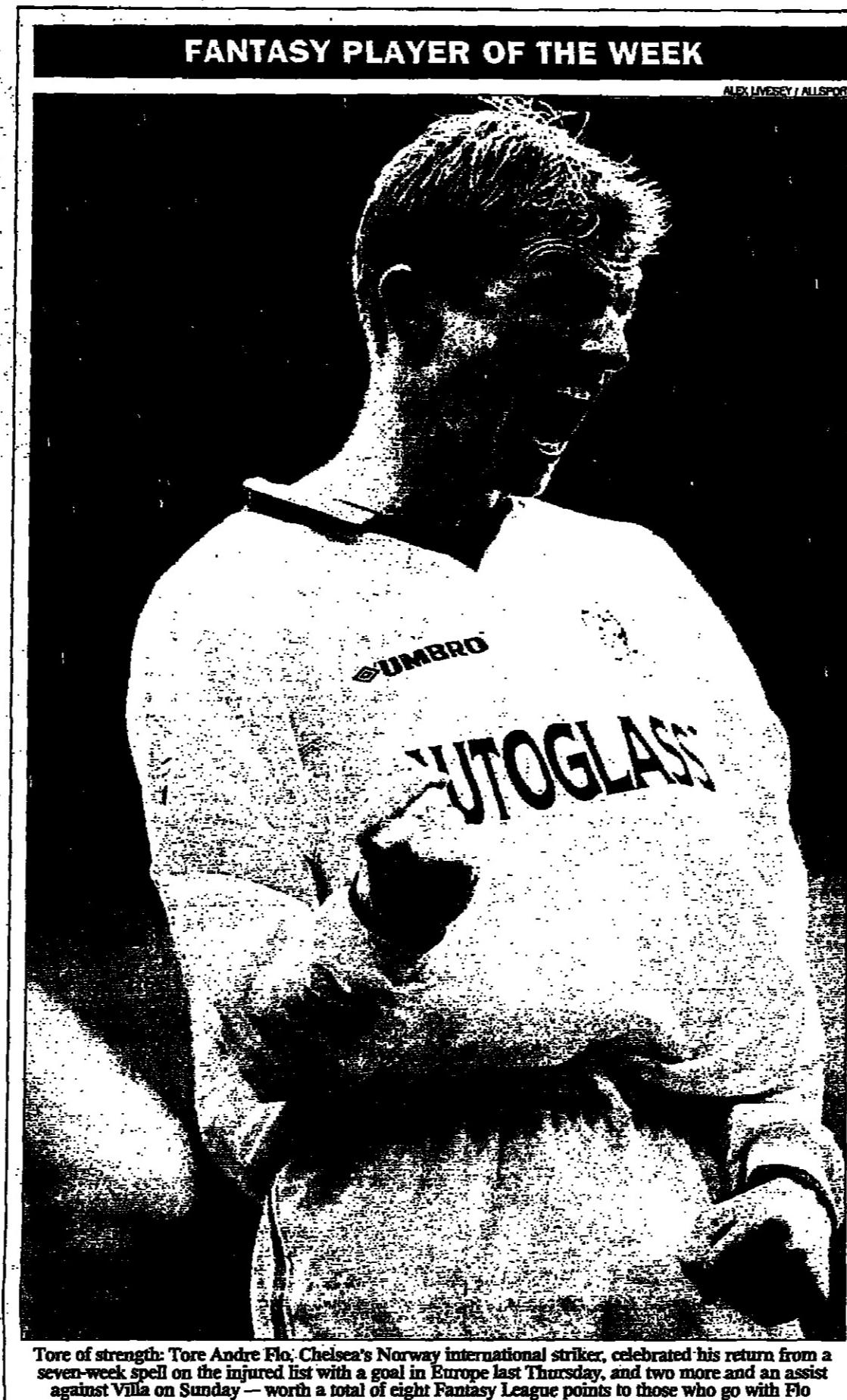


D Seaman (ARS)	3	
C Powell (CHA)	0	
J Haris (LEE)	3	
M Elliott (LED)	0	
I Pearce (WES)	3	
R Lee (NEW)	0	
A McLean (TOT)	0	
M Hughes (WIM)	2	
D Beckham (MAN)	3	
D Yorke (AST)	4	
T A Fle (CHE)	8	
Total points: 26		

assist for Goldbaek's strike makes a total of eight, which helped Billy Boys, the team chosen by William Tsang of Sutton, Surrey, to take this week's £500 prize (plus £100 worth of sports equipment) for the Fantasy team of the week.

Dwight Yorke's two assists and David Beckham's free-kick goal in the Manchester United v Everton match on Sunday were worth another seven points, while clean sheets for Arsenal and West Ham meant three points each for David Seaman and Ian Pearce, a recent Fantasy player of the week. Ian Harri weighed in with another three, thanks to a curling long range effort against Derby County scored with his right foot, which is his wrong foot, if you see what we mean.

William, who attends St Dunstan's School in Sutton, will be especially pleased that the other two points came from Wimbledon's Michael Hughes, who was the second name on the team sheet after Beckham: the Tsang family are season ticket holders at Selhurst Park. "He chose Beckham first and then Hughes," Mr Tsang's father, Kin, said, "and then built the team around three or four key players."



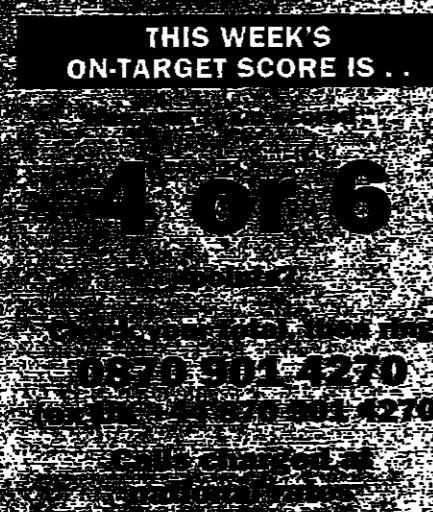
Tore of strength: Tore Andre Flo, Chelsea's Norway international striker, celebrated his return from a seven-week spell on the injured list with a goal in Europe last Thursday, and two more and an assist against Villa on Sunday — worth a total of eight Fantasy League points to those who go with Flo

## FANTASY LEAGUE TOP 100

1 Phil Clarke	Shabadi United	367
2 Sarabjet Kohli	Junglemen	341
3 James Kerr	Serious Squad	339
4 Paul Tudor	Peter 7	331
5 Mike Purnell	Joe Public	329
6 Mark Shipton	Minor Threat	329
7 Brian Payne	Cosmopolitan 11	328
8 David Young	Dave 10	328
9 Robert Little	Broken Arrow	328
10 David Tilley	Bandidos Danse	327
11 Lucy Crosthwaite	100%	325
12 John Loftus	I Hate Football	324
13 Phil Tudor	Sold At The Bac	324
14 Gareth Cockburn	Pin-Ups 7	324
15 Kevin Stockdale	Yeah Right	322
16 Robin Harrington	Shambles Johnson	321
17 David Wise	Chequers Change	321
18 Peter Leathem	Watford Reserves	321
19 Jason Wyman	Spice Town	320
20 Darren Smith	Tanys Terrors	320
21 Nicholas Keighley	It's Time To Get Lucky	320
22 Tim Gardner	Finalists	320
23 David Edmondson	These Eat Beaks	320
24 Alan Etherstorne	Hanchester Who?	320
25 Gavell Fitter	Edmo Utd Mington	319
26 Colin Head	Larlandsplyteam	318
27 Alan Purdy	The Badger Boys	317
28 John Humphreys	Home Team United	317
29 David Mead	Alas Bands	317
30 Tom Sutcliffe	Academicals	317
31 Michael O'Neill	In The City	317
32 John White	The M Team	316
33 Michael Scalle	Russear	316
34 Thomas Bailey	Alltoowashere	315
35 C Sharpe	Rural Raiders	315
36 Steve Ball	Sunfish Stars	315
37 Andrew James Spencer	The One And Only UU	315
38 Richard Deane	On The Wagon	314
39 Jeanine Peppet	Pop's Army	314
40 Robert Anderson	Roberts Rovers	313
41 Dan Baster	Dons Diamonds	313
42 Tony Fisher	Don't Be A Tool	313
43 Mike Shipton	Minor Threat 15	312
44 Tony Fisher	Steel Deltaman	312
45 John Green	Chicken Chasers	311
46 Sarah Darvella	Scorch	311
47 Geoff Clarke	Clarke's Kickers	311
48 Jeff Bext	Clubs Stars	311
49 Ben Allard	Oyden	310
50 Steven Walls	Team Stavo	310
51 Raymond George	Razor D	310
52 Philip Morris	Stall Vanil	310
53 Iain Anderson	The Odd Squad	310
54 Paul O'Neill	Four Four Two	310
55 Joanne	Melody	310
56 Simon Lowe	Janies Heroes	310
57 Mike Tracy	Tiger United	310
58 Gordon Crutchley	Super Saddlers B	309
59 Andy George	Misty's Magic Te	308
60 Claire Barber	Super Spurs	308
61 Nathan Carroll	Stevens Chippies	308
62 Steve Parker	Stevie Vee	307
63 Mandy Adesina	Man(ry) United	307
64 Jo Timms-Cloves	The Future's Red	307
65 Bradley Woodbridge	The Business	307
66 Stephen Trup	Winners	307
67 James Blair	James Muirauders	307
68 Matthew Watson	Jens	307
69 L Sander	Stevens Hosley	307
70 Donald Gordon	The Panthers	306
71 Chris Wallis	Wally Wonders 2	306
72 Philip Hill	Poshes Babes	306
73 James Walsh	Tigers Argyle	306
74 Angela Whistield	Westbury Woods	306
75 Henry Edwards	You Can't Reject	305
76 John Hartley	Joint United	305
77 Tim McInnes	He & Bees	305
78 J Prinsell	Grand Pan Pizza	305
79 Marc Meyer	Cool Dudes Ltd	305
80 Dominic O'Neill	Doms Demons	305
81 Rod Petrecek	Roddy Rovers	305
82 Glynne Williams	Red Army	304
83 Mike Ambler	Mil Stars	304
84 Peter Colman	Just A Bodz Team	304
85 Andrew Caldwell	Winner City	304
86 Steve Organi	Lokomotiv No Go	304
87 Peter Donnelly	Goals R Us	304
88 Steve Smith	City Rangers	304
89 Chris Cole	Millennium Masters	304
90 Donald Murray	Inter Radicchio	303
91 Paula Baxter	Murray Marvels	303
92 Terry Balkin	Baxters Babes	303
93 Tony McPherson	El Tel's Revenge	303
94 Gordon McPherson	Surfers 6	303
95 Chris Starwick	Owen Showmen	303
96 Nigel Byrne	Nigga's Team	303
97 John Mall	Melton United	302
Plus seven others on 100 points		302

## So your team is terrible? You can still win £1,000 next month

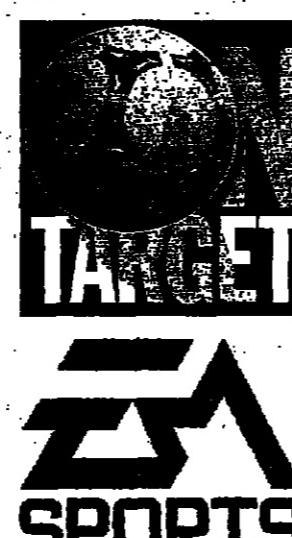
With no games next weekend, the prize for ON-Target in a fortnight's time will be a rollover bonanza of £1,000. Don't forget!



If you don't have a team, or want to sign up another one, enter now by filling in the entry form. There are no limits to how many teams you enter. Not only could you win the ON-Target prizes, but you could win the main game weekly (£500) or monthly (£1,000) prizes.

If YOU already have a team in the main game, then you're ready to play ON-Target. Simply check your Fantasy League players' score each week and see if their total is the same as our ON-Target score shown here each Tuesday. If you have scored the exact target points, a quick call to our ON-Target winners' line (national rate call) will put you in the draw to win one of the £5 prizes.

The ON-Target score may be high or low. There could be more than one score (such as today). It could be a minus score. So it's worth checking your performance every week. Just have your PIN-number handy to call the winners line on:



IF YOU'RE ENTERING THE EA SPORTS ON-TARGET COMPETITION, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:  
1. The competition runs from 22nd March to 26th April 1999.  
2. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
3. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
4. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
5. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
6. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
7. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
8. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
9. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
10. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
11. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
12. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
13. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
14. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
15. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
16. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
17. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
18. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
19. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
20. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
21. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
22. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
23. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
24. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
25. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
26. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
27. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
28. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
29. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
30. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
31. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
32. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
33. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
34. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
35. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
36. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
37. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
38. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
39. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
40. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
41. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
42. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
43. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
44. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
45. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
46. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
47. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
48. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
49. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
50. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
51. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
52. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
53. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
54. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
55. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
56. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
57. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
58. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
59. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
60. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
61. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
62. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
63. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
64. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
65. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
66. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
67. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
68. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
69. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
70. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
71. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
72. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
73. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
74. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
75. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
76. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
77. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
78. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
79. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
80. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
81. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
82. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
83. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
84. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
85. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
86. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
87. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
88. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
89. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
90. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
91. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
92. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
93. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
94. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
95. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
96. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
97. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
98. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
99. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
100. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
101. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
102. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
103. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
104. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
105. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.  
106. The competition is open to all readers of THE TIMES.<br

## NEWS

**Bid to stop release of IRA men**

■ Jack Straw enraged Irish republicans at a crucial stage in the peace process last night by challenging the imminent release of four IRA prisoners.

They include Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber who tried to kill Baroness Thatcher's Cabinet. The Home Secretary successfully sought a judicial hearing which will be held this morning to prevent the release of the men from Maze prison.....Page 1

**BBC surrenders to ITV in ratings war**

■ The BBC in effect bowed out of the populist ratings war with ITV yesterday, signalling a return to its traditional strengths of popular science, quality drama and natural history. It unveiled a new spring and summer schedule of programmes with a stronger emphasis on serious factual programmes, education and drama.....Pages 1, 3

**Nato airstrikes loom**

President Clinton gave Slobodan Milosevic his last chance to agree to a Kosovo peace deal and escape Nato airstrikes, but the Yugoslav leader's regime seemed set on a course for confrontation with the West.....Pages 1, 2

**Trade war intensifies**

The United States opened a new flank in its trade war with Europe by threatening punitive tariffs on \$900 million of agricultural exports from Europe in retaliation against a ban on US hormone-treated beef.....Page 1

**Royal home for sale**

The Surrey mansion bought for the Duchess of York by the Queen was yesterday put on the market for £15 million.....Page 1

**Police secrets lifted**

Victims of crime will be able to scrutinise how officers investigate burglaries and assaults under plans to lift the secrecy shrouding police work.....Page 2

**No end to truck chaos**

Lorry drivers are threatening to block ports and motorways in a major escalation of a protest campaign which caused traffic chaos in central London.....Page 4

**New year baby fears**

Couples trying to conceive a baby to be born early in the new millennium run an increased risk of complications during birth, consultants warn.....Page 5

**Scientists solve male snoring puzzle**

Men are more likely to snore because the male neck is more muscular, say scientists. Snoring is caused by soft tissue collapsing and obstructing the airways, forcing the sleeper to breathe heavily to force them open. Logically, women should snore more because they have more body fat, and it has been a mystery why they generally sleep more quietly than men.....Page 5



Abandoned since the 1930s, the Grade II listed Brixton Windmill is being restored to its former glory and could soon house a theatre group

**Bank payoff**

Martin Taylor, the former chief executive of Barclays, received a £1.6 million payoff last year, bringing his total pay package to £2.5 million.....Page 27

**Economy slows**

Britain's economy slowed close to a standstill in the last quarter of 1998, reviving City hopes that the Bank of England will cut interest rates.....Page 27

**Property bid**

Greycourt, the London property developer, put itself up for sale just hours after it had received a £218 million hostile bid from Delancey Estates, a rival property company.....Page 27

**Markets**

The FTSE 100 index fell 10.4 to 6152.8. The pound fell .13 cents to \$1.6279 and rose .06p to 66.99p against the euro. The sterling index rose to 103.0.....Page 49

**100 dead in Borneo**

More than 100 people have been killed on Borneo Island in ethnic clashes among Indonesians in which warriors have paraded the organs of their victims.....Page 12

**Scandals rock France**

A spate of scandals involving sex, fraud and nepotism has catapulted France into a struggle between Gallic flamboyance and northern European rectitude.....Page 13

**Euthanasia trial**

Jack Kevorkian, the euthanasia campaigner, went on trial for murder after he was seen by millions on US television administering a lethal solution of drugs to a terminally ill man.....Page 14

**London**

Men are more likely to snore because the male neck is more muscular, say scientists. Snoring is caused by soft tissue collapsing and obstructing the airways, forcing the sleeper to breathe heavily to force them open. Logically, women should snore more because they have more body fat, and it has been a mystery why they generally sleep more quietly than men.....Page 5

**Car reports by fax**

Used car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

Mobile phones: 0334 416 399

Car reports by fax: 0334 416 399

Dad from your fax machine, you receive a fax to your mobile phone.

**Kylie whips up a storm**

Arts, page 36



BUSINESS • ARTS • LAW • SPORT • TELEVISION

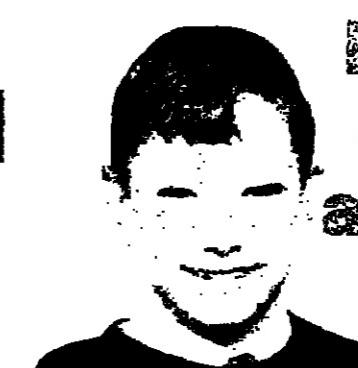
**THE TIMES**

BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

**Don't try children as adults**

Law, page 39



2

RK

**Former bank chief joins premier league of golden handshakes**

Jim Fifield: left EMI

Richard Oster: Cookson package

Malcolm Coster: Lorien deal

Don Carter: left Cookson

Alastair Lyons: Abbey payoff

Paul Buysse: BTR departure

**Taylor in £1.6m Barclays payoff**

Martin Taylor: also receives options

BY CAROLINE MERRELL  
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN TAYLOR, the former chief executive of Barclays Bank, received a £1.6 million payoff last year, bringing his total pay package to £2.5 million.

Mr Taylor left Barclays a little more than four months ago after disagreements over the future strategy of the bank, then reeling under heavy losses in Russia and excessive costs. Since reporting its results in February, however, Barclays has somewhat shed its tarnished image and its shares have bounced. Yesterday they closed at £17.57, compared with a low of £8.89 in October.

The compensation payment is in lieu of one year's pay, plus the associated benefits Mr Taylor would have received if he had remained with the bank. The settlement process took into account a potential growth in the bank's profits in 1999 from

1998, when it reported a pre-tax profit of £1.918 billion, which slightly overshot analysts' forecasts.

The disclosure is likely to anger banking unions, which are becoming increasingly militant. Barclays has shed more than 20,000 staff in the past seven years, and rank-and-file employees earn an average of £11,500 a year. Yesterday three banking unions agreed to merge, forging a super-union with almost 200,000 members.

Mr Taylor was on a one-year contract. A Barclays spokesman said: "This type of damages payment is usual for an executive that leaves by mutual consent."

His actual pay last year, excluding the compensation payment, rose 30 per cent to £957,000. This comprised basic pay of £568,000, an annual bonus of £369,000, benefits of £12,000 and profit related pay of £8,000. In 1997 Mr Taylor earned £738,000.

The payoff puts Mr Taylor in the premier

league of "golden handshakes". According to the Labour Research Department, the highest compensation payment by far was made to Jim Fifield, who was paid more than £12 million upon his departure from EMI last year.

Richard Oster and Don Carter received £2.9 million and £1.5 million respectively after their departure from Cookson following a boardroom bust-up.

Mr Taylor's severance pay is the biggest among the financial companies, outstripping that of Alastair Lyons, the former head of the National &amp; Provincial Building Society. Mr Lyons received £1.2 million when he left after N&amp;P was taken over by Abbey National. It is almost double the figure received by Bill Harrison, also of Barclays, who was paid £946,000.

BT's Paul Buysse left with a £1.1 million package, and almost immediately joined Vickers. Malcolm Coster left Lorien, the information technology group, after only eight months with a £1.8 million payoff.

The news of Mr Taylor's payoff comes in the week that Mike O'Neill, a former US marine, starts as chief executive of Barclays. Mr O'Neill is to be paid a basic salary of £2 million. He will also be given shares worth a total of £5 million, plus generous share options dependent on the performance of the bank.

The US banker's pay package far outstrips that of other UK banking chief executives. Last year Derek Wanless of NatWest was paid £832,000, an 84 per cent increase on the previous year. Yesterday NatWest pointed out the Mr Wanless and other executives had waived their bonuses in 1997, which accounted for the sharp rise in pay last year. Lord Alexander of Weedon, the NatWest chairman, also waived his bonus. Last year he was paid a total of £720,000, up from £434,000.

Commentary, page 29

**Top pay at Glaxo to keep pace with US firms**

BY PAUL DURMAN

SIR RICHARD SYKES and the directors of Glaxo Wellcome look set for further increases in their million-pound pay packets after the pharmaceuticals group amends its executive incentive schemes.

Sir Richard, chairman, received more than £3.6 million in salary, bonuses and shares last year but Glaxo is worried it needs to remain "competitive" with high-paying US companies.

William Steele, chairman and chief executive of Pfizer, the high-flying company behind Viagra, received a package worth \$17.2 million (£10.5 million) last year. Raymond Gilmartin, who heads Merck, the world's largest drug company, was paid \$2.56 million but also received stock options that could be worth a further \$1.4 million.

The board is on course to receive further huge sums under a long-term incentive plan. In 1998 Sir Richard received shares worth £1.8 million. Incentive shares already awarded could make another £1.8 million for Sir Richard this year.

The new options scheme proposes a performance hurdle that the company should increase its earnings per share by at least 9 per cent more than the retail price index over a three-year period before the options can be exercised. Current analysts' forecasts suggest Glaxo will beat this target easily.

**Slowing economy lifts rate cut hopes**

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S economy slowed close to a standstill in the last quarter of 1998, reviving City hopes that the Bank of England will cut interest rates next month.

Revised data showed quarterly GDP growth slowed to just 0.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year, half the previous estimate of 0.2 per cent.

However, hopes that consumers will help to stave off a full-scale recession remained intact after the breakdown in the data showed robust growth in income levels, while a consumer sentiment survey for March revealed confidence is at its highest level for nine months.

The downward revision to the GDP figures resulted from an unexpected reduction in the quarterly rate of service sector growth from 0.6 per cent to 0.5 per cent. This also cut the annual rate of GDP growth from 1.3 per cent to 1.1 per cent.

Analysts said the lower growth levels could encourage the Bank to cut rates next month but added that the chances of an economic "soft landing" were actually improved by some of the data revisions.

Overall domestic demand was revised upwards from 0.4 per cent to 0.6 per cent. Stock levels were revised down, cutting GDP growth in the short term but suggesting that inventory levels offer less of a threat to growth this year.

Hopes that consumer spend-

**Greycoat rejects £218m Delaney bid**

BY CARL MORTISHED

GREYCOAT, the Central London property developer, put itself up for sale yesterday, just hours after it had received a £218 million hostile bid from Delaney Estates, a rival property company controlled by George Soros and British Land.

Delaney's 201p per share pa-

prospective offer was dismissed as deri-

to put the company up for auction." However, Mr Thornton said the directors wanted to do it in their own time to get full value for shareholders.

Shares in Greycoat gained

32p to 200p yesterday, while Delaney lost 3p to 97.5p.

James Ritblat, Delaney's managing director, said: "The market wants the property sector to consolidate."

approach from Moorfields. De-

lancy's current management took control nine months ago when it acquired Freehold Portfolios Estates, controlled by James Ritblat. George Soros' Quantum Realty Fund injected £100 million into Delaney. The Ritblat family now owns 7 per cent of Delaney.

Commentary, page 29

Commentary, page 29

Je ne regrette rien.

John Charcol

With sterling mortgages at European rates, nor do we.

4.99% (5.3% APR) fixed to 31/3/2002.

John Charcol

Based on a £50,000 repayment mortgage on a property valued at £557,000 repayable over 25 years. 300 gross monthly payments of £206.34 or 4.59% (5.3% APR). Total amount payable gross £93,245.50 calculated to include solicitor's fees of £117.50, arrangement fee of £25, valuation fee of £125 and deeds valuation/production fees of £100. APR is 5.3% and is typical for a repayment loan over 25 years and assumes that on expiry of the fixed rate, the lender's Standard Variable Rate will remain at 4.59% (5.3% APR) for the remainder of the loan. In practice, this rate may differ from that assumed. After the fixed rate has expired, APR may vary. Mortgage secured on property. Insurance may be required. Loans subject to status. Type and value of property, limited funds available. John Charcol operates through branches and franchises (who are appointed Representatives) any of whom may be connected to the above service. John Charcol Ltd and The John Charcol Partnership Ltd have issued and approved this advertisement and are regulated by the Personal Investment Authority. The PIA does not regulate mortgage business. Written quotations available on request. Credit broker fees of up to 1% of the amount borrowed may be charged. Rates correct at time of going to press. To maintain the quality of our service, calls to this number may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes. Head Office: 10-12 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5SD. Tel: 0171 611 7000. YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

**JOHN CHARCOL**  
0800 71 81 91

www.johncharcol.co.uk | CHURCHILL HOUSE | 10-12 GREAT QUEEN STREET | LONDON WC2B 5SD | TEL: 0171 611 7000

Talk about a better mortgage.

# Arnault sweetens bid for Gucci

By FRASER NELSON

**BERNARD ARNAULT**  
Age: 50  
Estimated net worth: £1.5 billion.  
Main company: LVMH (capitalised at £2.1 billion). The Arnault family owns 49 per cent, controls voting rights.  
Drinks Moët & Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Hennessy.

M Arnault has agreed to recognise the 39 million shares that Gucci created for M Pinault on Friday, and make a bid on the basis that LVMH will, in return, reclaim the \$2.9 billion cash injection that was promised by Pinault-Printemps-Redoute (PPR). This leaves the net value of the bid at \$5 billion.

M Pinault, the richest man in France and the owner of Christie's auctioneers, would make a \$6-a-share profit on the shares he bought for \$75 a share four days ago. But if he accepts, he must sever all links with Gucci.

Yesterday Gucci and LVMH met in an Amsterdam court for the second time in two weeks, as M Arnault tried to have the Pinault deal declared void and Gucci suspended.

He argued that the Italian fashion house should have consulted shareholders before completing the Pinault deal on Friday.

The court rejected both

Fashion/Accessories: Louis Vuitton, Kenzo, Christian Lacroix, Guerlain, Fred, Desfosses, Berluti, Pommery, Sephora, Perfumes: Christian Dior, Givenchy, Parfums Christian Lacroix.  
Retail: Le Printemps, La Redoute, FNAC, Booksellers, Others: Christie's auctioneers, Chateau Latour wine yard.

claims, but instead ordered Domenico De Sole, Gucci's chief executive, to hold a full boardroom vote on M Arnault's new bid at \$81 a share. It also ordered that directors of PPR will be able to influence the deal.

M Arnault had previously said he would not make any bid unless Gucci abandoned the Pinault deal.

Gucci said: "This is a victory

## FRANCOIS PINAULT

Age: 65  
Estimated net worth: £1.9 billion.  
Main company: Phoenix-Printemps-Redoute (capitalised at £1.8 billion). Pinault family owns 49 per cent, controls voting rights.  
Fashion/Accessories: Yves Saint Laurent, Sam

for us. M Arnault has failed to sue us for a second time, and we have already said we are quite happy to look at the \$81-a-share bid."

M Arnault's advisers were also claiming victory of sorts, in that Signor De Sole is now obliged to study the takeover proposal. Under Dutch law, this will be put to shareholders after the boardroom vote for a period of 20 days.

empire. He intended that its \$2.9 billion of cash should be spent buying other small fashion houses, a domain currently dominated by M Arnault's LVMH.

M Pinault and M Arnault have both made their fortunes from buying bankrupt companies from the state and selling them on. They are both experts in exploiting family and boardroom rifts to take control of companies.

M Arnault has been building a 34.4 per cent stake in Gucci since January, and had been in dispute with Signor De Sole over his right to appoint his own representative to the Gucci board.

The Pinault deal dilutes LVMH's stake to 20.2 per cent, and reduces its voting rights to 17.8 per cent. Gucci is quoted in Amsterdam and New York. Its shares have been recovering from a \$32 low in September.

## Regent Inns calls off merger talks

**REGENT INNS** yesterday broke off merger talks with SFI Group after the two sides failed to agree on the relative value and prospects of their respective companies. Analysts said that while Regent was looking for a 60/40 split in value terms, SFI had been pushing for a 50/50 merger of equals. Based on yesterday's closing share prices, Regent is capitalised at £155 million while SFI is worth £115 million.

David Franks, managing director of Regent, said that the predicted cost savings had also proved a problem as Regent had been forced to spend heavily on a new infrastructure after its profit warning in June. "Our costs are quite high but dropping while SFI's are low," he said. Mr Franks added: "Regent has a solid future. It has a strong portfolio of brands and a pub opening programme that will ensure the company's future development. Current trading remains strong, with like-for-like sales for the first 36 weeks of the year up 2.6 per cent." The companies had been in talks since the beginning of February.

## Media invitation

**LETIZIA MORATTI**, executive chairman of News Corp Europe, yesterday said she had been "reinvited" back into talks with Silvio Berlusconi's Mediaset and the Kirch Group, the continental television groups that agreed a pan-European media alliance at the weekend with the backing of Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi financier. Mrs Moratti has been given the task of building up the European media assets of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*.

## TI's American buy

**TI GROUP**, the UK engineering company, has acquired Tri-Manufacturing from GE Aircraft Engines for \$58 million (£36 million). The acquisition will be incorporated into Dowty's turbine engine components business at an estimated one-third of cost of \$3 million. The acquisition is expected to enhance earnings in its first year. Tri-Manufacturing, based in India, makes jet engine hot-section components. Customers include Pratt & Whitney. In 1998 sales were \$64 million.

## UNIFI aims to grow

A NEW self-styled "super-union" representing 200,000 City and financial industry workers plans to expand membership to one million by recruitment and possibly merging with other staff groups. The new merged union, to be called UNIFI, won backing from members of the existing UNIFI and Bifu and the NatWest Staff Association at the weekend. Ed Sweeney, Bifu leader, said: "This is a clear message to the finance industry that staff need and want one voice."

## Chesterfield delays

**SHAREHOLDERS** in Chesterfield Properties, the embattled property investor, yesterday delayed the £93.5 million sale of a portfolio of the company's assets to enable takeover talks to proceed. The delay was prompted by an approach from Quintain Estates that might lead to a takeover offer. Chesterfield shareholders agreed to adjourn yesterday's meeting at which they were to vote on the sale of the properties to GE Capital Corp. Chesterfield shares closed 31p higher at 426.5p.

## Forth Ports on the up

**FORTH PORTS**, the port owner and operator, announced a 20 per cent jump in pre-tax profit yesterday to £31 million for 1998. An increase in steel tonnages of almost 50 per cent at Grangemouth led Forth's efforts to push aside the impact of the economic slowdown. The result came from a 13 per cent rise in turnover to £108 million. Forth declared a final dividend of 11p a share, making 16p for the year compared with 14.5p previously. Forth shares closed 24p lower at 592.5p.

## Microsoft 2000 launch

**MICROSOFT** has responded to pressure from rival corporate software systems by telling staff that it is on track to release its new Windows 2000 program by October. Windows 2000, the software company's next generation of program for large corporate computer networks, is Microsoft's latest effort to beat systems designed by Sun Microsystems and Novell. Smaller rivals, such as the Linux, have created problems for Microsoft's existing Windows NT system.

## Peptide losses worsen

**PEPTIDE Therapeutics**, the vaccine company, said its \$20 million (£12 million) acquisition of OraVax, a US rival, will give it eight products in clinical trials and collaborations with five of the world's top ten pharmaceutical companies. Peptide incurred increased losses in 1998 of £7.5 million, despite reductions in research and development and administrative expenditure. The company hopes to reduce its cash burn to £1 million a month after taking over OraVax.

# Westminster recommends £214m offer

By PAUL DURMAN

WESTMINSTER Health Care became the latest critic of the City's attitude to smaller companies when the nursing homes group recommended a £214 million takeover offer led by Chai Patel, a prominent figure in the industry.

Backing from Goldman Sachs and Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (WCAS), a US buyer firm, enabled Dr Patel's privately owned Canterbury Healthcare to offer 31p a share for Westminster. Although this price is 68 per cent more than Westminster's share price last week, it is still well below the 410p its shares reached early last year.

Pat Carter, Westminster's chief executive, said: "Being a small company in an unloved sector is not a hugely exciting place to be. Markets do not take long views, or a lot of the market doesn't."

The growth prospects of providing nursing homes for an ageing population briefly made Westminster a strong performer after its flotation in 1993. But a local authority squeeze on nursing home spending and the Government's move to increase nurs-



Patel: expansion hope

es' pay caused Westminster to issue two profit warnings last year.

Dr Patel, the founder and former chairman of Court Cavendish, lost out to Bupa 15 months ago in a £273 million bid battle for Care First, another nursing homes group, where he was briefly chief executive.

Dr Patel yesterday said that Westminster is likely to seek a return to the stock market at some stage. He ac-

knowledged the problems faced by small companies but added: "The City's views of things changes. We very much hope to make the company significantly larger."

Dr Patel wants to expand into Europe and to increase Westminster's share of the UK nursing homes market from 1 per cent to 5 per cent.

He said: "We believe some of the issues surrounding staffing will, over a period of time, go. Demographically, the need for nursing services is not going to diminish."

Mr Carter will remain as a consultant for a handover period, but he intends to seek opportunities in other sectors.

Dr Patel and Anthony Heywood, formerly his finance director at Court Cavendish, will have a 1.34 per cent stake in Canterbury after it acquires Westminster. Funds associated with Goldman Sachs and WCAS will each have a 49.33 per cent stake.

Westminster was advised by NM Rothschild. The company was first approached by potential bidders in mid-January. It has spoken to an unknown number of other parties. *Tempus*, page 30



Jim Brown unveiled a 16 per cent rise in Newsquest profits

## P&S press group puts its stores up for sale

By RAYMOND SNODDY  
MEDIA EDITOR

**PORTSMOUTH & SUnderland Newspapers**, the regional press group, has formally put its chain of more than 200 convenience stores on the market.

The sale of the chain, which is located mainly in the South of England and the Midlands and is expected to fetch more than £50 million, is the clearest sign yet that P&S's board may be willing to give in to one of the suitors chasing it.

Three other quoted local newspaper groups — Johnston Press, Newsquest and Newscom — have all shown interest in buying P&S, but none of them is interested in running the convenience stores. P&S has previously insisted that the stores were an integral part of the group.

Newsquest, which is trying to position itself as a "white knight" to P&S, yesterday announced a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £6.8 million in the 53 weeks to January 3. The group, chaired by Jim Brown, achieved an underlying increase in advertising revenue of 6.7 per cent and although there was a slowdown in the final quarter, advertising has bounced back in the first quarter of the current year. The final dividend will be 4p, making 16p for the year.

*Tempus*, page 30

## Barclays Bank PLC

Notice to Barclays Student and Graduate Account Customers

From 19th April 1999, the credit interest rate for your Student - Higher Education or Graduate account will be as follows:

Rates for quarterly interest on balances of £1 or more		
	Gross Rate/AER*	Previous Gross Rate/AER*
Student - Higher Education Account and Graduate Account	0.10%	0.30%

With effect from 19th April 1999, our unauthorised overdraft rate will be charged at a rate of 21% above the Bank's Base Rate, which is currently 5.5%, on the excess amount only.

The total rate would then be 26.5%.

\* Gross Rate - interest is payable gross to non-taxpayers subject to the required certification. AER - stands for Annual Equivalent Rate and illustrates what the interest rate would be if interest was paid and compounded each year.

† The current Base Rate is 5.5% this may vary.



Published by Barclays Bank PLC, Reg. No. 1026167, Registered in England.

Registered Office: 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH. BB370048. March 1999. SC990299.

To ensure customer service quality standards some calls may be recorded.

ATM03

## UK regulator blocks plans for Glaxo drug

By PAUL DURMAN

**GLAXO WELLCOME** yesterday received its second regulatory setback in a month when the UK Medicines Control Agency blocked its plans to restart promotion of Romozin, a controversial diabetes drug that has been linked to a number of deaths in the US.

Glaxo was unable to convince the UK regulator that the drug, developed by Sankyo of Japan, could be made safe if patients took regular liver tests.

This could be bad news for Warner-Lambert, the US company that sold almost \$750 million (£463 million) of the drug it calls Rezulin last year. An advisory committee to the US Food and Drug Administration is due to review the safety of the drug on Friday.

SmithKline Beecham is likely to be the main beneficiary of the problems with Romozin/Rezulin. Avandia, its rival

agency was concerned by Rezulin's poor performance in an American trial that was the largest conducted.

Glaxo voluntarily suspended its marketing of Romozin in December 1997 after deaths linked to the drug were reported in the US and Japan. However, Sir Richard Sykes, chairman, was optimistic about the chances of its being reintroduced to the UK.

The MCA decided that, even with liver testing, "the data and arguments submitted did not give assurance that the balance of risk and benefits could be made favourable". Warner-Lambert argues that liver monitoring can reduce risks "to an absolute minimum".

It is thought that Glaxo is unlikely to make further attempts to secure approval for Romozin.

Glaxo shares, which peaked at £22.88 in January, fell 12p to £19.01 yesterday.

at £22.88 in January, fell 12p to £19.01 yesterday.

Bank	Bonds	Bank	Bonds		
Australia \$	2.66	2.49	Italy Lira	307.3	239
Austria Sch	21.59	19.93	Japan Yen	207.37	189.84
Belgium F	2.50	2.50	Malta L	0.24	0.13
Canada \$	2.57	2.50	Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.133
Denmark Kr	0.9096	0.8381	New Zealand \$	3.19	2.95
Egypt £	11.71	10.82	Norway Kr	13.23	12.29
Finland F	0.778	0.73	Portugal P	32.97	29.87
France Fr	10.28	9.90	S Africa Rd	10.65	9.72
Germany DM	3.900	2.848	Spain Pes	260.45	241.68
Iceland I	1.34	1.07	Sweden Kr	14.18	13.08
Hong Kong \$	13.43	12.23	Turkey Lira	2.27	2.22
Ireland £	1.29	1.09	USA \$	613.372	572.933
Israel Shk	18.98	18.08	Rates for small denominations. Interest rates apply to balances up to £1,000. Rates at close of trading yesterday.	1.733	1.560
Switzerland Fr	1.24	1.1438			

**M**artin Taylor will, no doubt, find a tax efficient way of dealing with his £1.6 million payoff. He did, after all, help out the Government by investigating how the country's law and benefits system might be improved. So the benefits now being collected by the former Barclays chief executive are likely to escape criticism by that castigator of corporate largesse, Chancellor Gordon Brown. Shareholders, however, should feel less muzzled.

It seems increasingly rare for any chief executive to leave a company without a generous donation to his bank account. Companies apparently feel obliged to pay up to the end of the executive's contract, no matter what the circumstances of their departure. Thank heaven that the sensible Alasdair Ross-Gobey, of Hermes, the fund manager, pursued his campaign to put an end to the aptly named "three-year roller". Many a tired chief executive must have felt inclined to cash in on one of those and head for an early retirement in the South of France.

But even if only 18 months money is involved, it is cowardice on behalf of companies to feel that large sums of shareholders' cash should be paid out when relationships turn sour.

Last December, when Martin Taylor abruptly ended his reign at Barclays, there was no doubt about the fact that he had resigned. He had decided to go and

he had decided to go quickly, explained Sir Peter Middleton.

In his first years at Barclays, Mr Taylor had achieved much. But that all was not sweetness and light within the boardroom had been increasingly clear. Mr Taylor was fed up with what he deemed a lack of support from his fellow directors. They, in turn, were wary of some of his strategies. That his departure was accompanied with a profit warning was an eloquent comment on what had been going on.

He may not have been paid as much as his successor will be, but Mr Taylor was not badly remunerated while he was doing the job. Now, rightly, he is to hold on to the share options that he earned during his years at the bank and which should yield him considerable profits. But why should he be paid for the time that he will not be working for the bank?

Investors make much noise about remuneration policies but rarely take action. Yet there is a growing need for shareholders to appraise their attitude to the subject. The Glaxo-Wellcome annual report may encourage them to do so. With carefully chosen words, Sir Richard Sykes and his team gently indicate that they want to be able to pay executives rather

more than they do now. Global companies need to offer the chance of US scale rewards, goes the argument. The pay packet of Mr Taylor's successor demonstrates the point.

The key is performance. Investors should not cavil at rewards geared to performance, since they will benefit too. But they should start making a fuss about rewards for non-performance and resignation.

### Banks find euro way to monopoly

**A**ccording to Martin Kohlhausen, chief executive of Germany's Commerzbank, big bank mergers are a fashion that will soon fade. Rather than synergy, there is usually a loss of know-how and any profit gains, if they come at all, take much longer than expected.

The fashion, at least, is undeniable. A new round of mergers in Italy follows a bigger one in Spain and a typically grandiose

### COMMENTARY by our City Editor

attempt in France to create the world's biggest bank.

This is an instant response to the advent of the euro, which theoretically turns euroland into a genuine single banking market. All the high-cost banks that flourished in most national markets on what had been going on.

Mind you, it work both ways. When Lyonnais was shamelessly bailed out for the third time, the main EU condition was that it sell its subsidiaries in Germany, Belgium and Spain, though not those in Britain. So much for the fraternal spirit of a new Europe.

In European terms these national bank mergers are deeply conservative, designed to protect entrenched interests and avoid any great incursion of competition. At home, however, they are revolutionary. In Italy that was symbolised by the new brutalists overturning the subtle plans of Enrico Cuccia, the 92-year-old who has called the shots in Italian finance for decades from his modest base at Mediobanca, which is itself now imperilled.

In the UK, naturally, we are stumbling myopically in circles, aimed at keeping out the Germans most of all, but Swiss, Herr Kohlhausen, but because

Dutch and British too. Lloyds TSB once pondered buying Lyonnais but soon found that foreigners cutting French jobs was off the national agenda.

Mind you, it work both ways. When Lyonnais was shamelessly bailed out for the third time, the main EU condition was that it sell its subsidiaries in Germany, Belgium and Spain, though not those in Britain. So much for the fraternal spirit of a new Europe.

In European terms these national bank mergers are deeply conservative, designed to protect entrenched interests and avoid any great incursion of competition. At home, however, they are revolutionary. In Italy that was symbolised by the new brutalists overturning the subtle plans of Enrico Cuccia, the 92-year-old who has called the shots in Italian finance for decades from his modest base at Mediobanca, which is itself now imperilled.

In the UK, naturally, we are stumbling myopically in circles, aimed at keeping out the Germans most of all, but Swiss, Herr Kohlhausen, but because

float off a minority stake in the company. After all, the value of One2One is clearly not represented in C&W's current share price. Such a strategy would be entirely consistent with the way Mr Wallace's predecessor, Dick Brown, successfully floated C&W Opus in Australia.

If Mr Wallace really wanted to impress, however, he would also take the opportunity to put a bid in for MediaOne's 29 per cent stake in Telewest. This would be a great way of launching a bid for the British cable operator, with the ultimate aim of merging it with Wallace's former employer, Cable & Wireless Communications. The only snag is that TCI of the US, currently being bought by AT&T, has the first right of refusal. That would not have stopped Dick Brown.

### Keep it in the family

**R**ITBLAT JUNIOR sounded like a chip off the old office block yesterday as he denounced the performance by Greycourt. With the backing of no less a person than George Soros, young James is well placed to engineer the long-needed consolidation among second-line property companies.

Comcast could raise up to £6 billion by selling MediaOne's 50 per cent stake in One2One to C&W, allowing it to concentrate on its core cable business. The pressure is now on Mr Wallace to push through a deal quickly and at a good price, and then

## Morgan sees Asian recovery

BY ADAM JONES

**M**ORGAN CRUCIBLE, one of the engineering companies hardest hit by the global financial turmoil last year, continued its cautious recovery yesterday, citing signs of an export-led revival in Asia.

Morgan Crucible's shares had been trading at 50p at one stage last year, before the Asian crisis and the semiconductor market collapse.

When the engineer, which makes carbon and ceramic parts used by industry, issued a profits warning in January, saying that it was the victim of a "swift and savage" downturn, the shares fell to 33½p.

Yesterday's annual results provided no new shocks, and the shares, which have rallied in recent weeks, stayed relatively firm, falling 5p to 24½p.

Pre-tax profits for 1998 were £33.9 million, down from £112.1 million in 1997. The fall reflected a £57 million exceptional charge, taken because goodwill had to be written down on several businesses before they are sold. Sales rose from £890.7 million to £900.4 million.

Tempus, page 30

### Roxboro profits 11% ahead

BY ADAM JONES

**R**OXBORO, the sensors and controls group, shook off weak Asian markets and the slump in the oil industry to report an 11 per cent rise in profits last year.

Pre-tax profits rose to £17.5 million as margin growth in the sensors and components divisions compensated for leaner order books elsewhere.

Harry Tee, chief executive, said that he expected the civil aerospace market, which is responsible for about 23 per cent of sales, to peak in 2000.

However, Roxboro announced that it has won a contract to supply temperature sensors to the Rolls-Royce Trent 500 engines that will be powering the new Airbus A340-500/600.

Sales rose from £111.4 million to £114.2 million. Earnings per share rose from 19.1p to 21.6p. A dividend of 5.4p will be paid, making 8p for the year, an increase of 10 per cent on 1997.

### Maiden advance for Friends

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

**F**RIENDS Ivory & Sime, the fund management group created in February last year by the reverse takeover of Ivory & Sime by Friends Provident Asset Management, yesterday declared a £14.1 million pre-tax profit at its maiden final result.

The pre-tax profit from February 18, 1998, until the end of the calendar year compares with the £3.4 million pre-tax profit achieved by FPAM in the 12 months up to the takeover of Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh-based investment trust house.

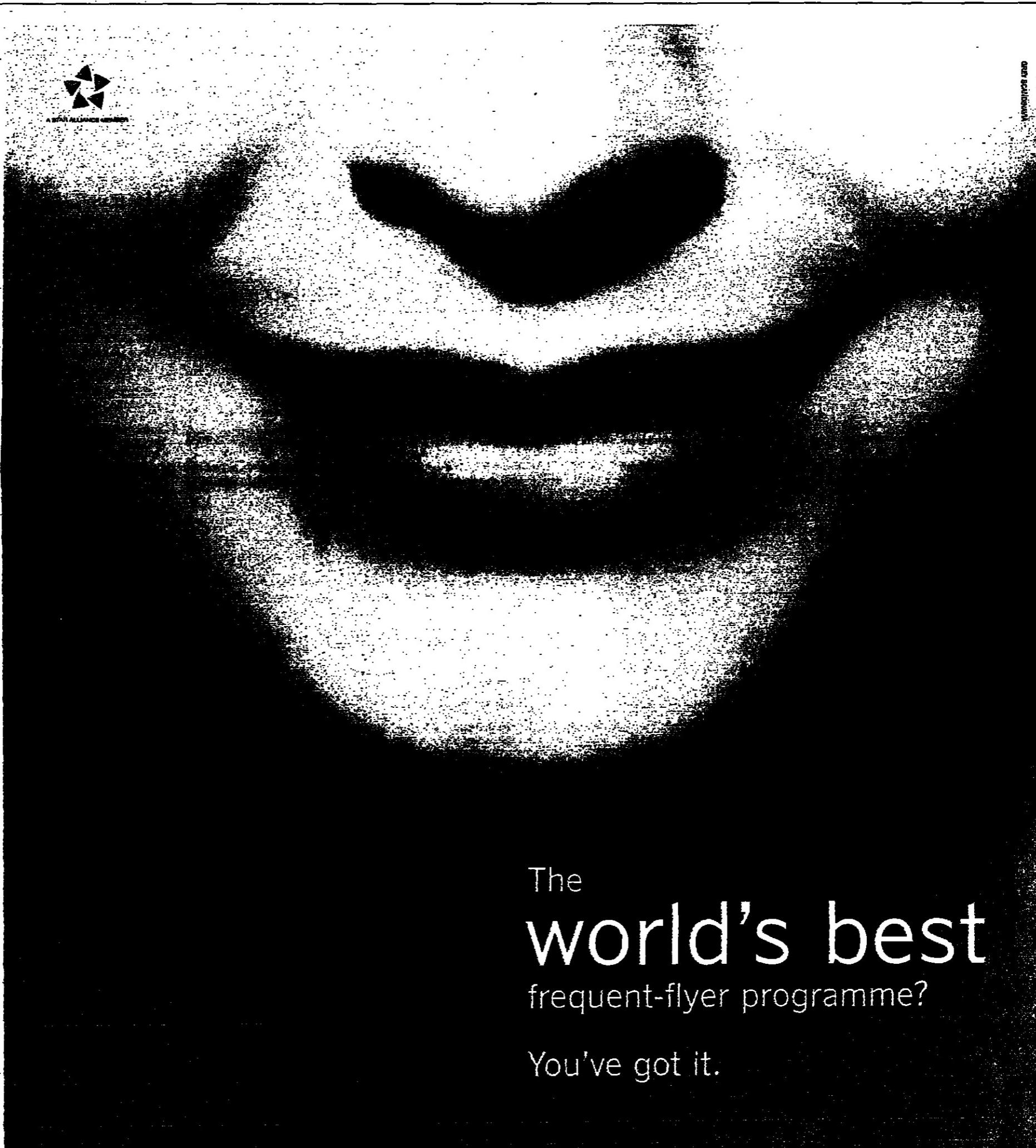
Turnover more than doubled to £39.7 million, helped by the acquisition of London & Manchester, the insurance group, later in the year. Funds under management finished the year at £30 billion, with £3 billion of that generated by stock market returns.

A final dividend of 4p is proposed, bringing the total for the year to 7p. This is equivalent to 8.06p on an annualised basis, an increase of 10 per cent.

### Somerfield acquires delivery service

**S**OMERFIELD, the supermarket group, has bought Flanagan's, the London-based grocery delivery service formerly used by J Sainsbury. (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The business, for which Somerfield is paying £2.25 million cash, will be used to expand Somerfield Direct, Somerfield's own home delivery business. Sainsbury's ended its agreement with Flanagan's last year.



The  
world's best  
frequent-flyer programme?

You've got it.

Scandinavians are known for their modesty, but in this case we'll make an exception. SAS EuroBonus, our frequent-flyer programme, was voted by InsideFlyer magazine as the best international programme for three consecutive years.

Earning points with EuroBonus has never been easier, because you earn them not only when you fly with SAS, but also with our partners in Star Alliance™ - Air Canada, Lufthansa, United Airlines, THAI and Varig. Air New Zealand and Ansett Australia join Star Alliance on 28 March 1999, and All Nippon Airlines will join us in the autumn.

Unlike most frequent-flyer programmes, EuroBonus enables you to exchange points not only for bonus trips, but also for exclusive offers designed to make leisure time more enjoyable for you and your family.

Call 0845 60 727 727 or visit [www.sas.se](http://www.sas.se) for more information about SAS EuroBonus, the frequent-flyer programme that makes flying more worthwhile.

It's pure Scandinavian



## STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK

# Takeover fever infects Asda in quiet trading

ASDA, the supermarket chain, was the talk of the City yesterday, with almost 18 million shares traded. Over the past two sessions 40 million Asda shares have changed hands, fuelling speculation some good news may be on the way.

Needless to say, there has been a revival in takeover stories ranging from Wal-Mart of the US to Ahold, the Dutch retailer. But Mike Dennis, at SG Securities, the broker, says none of the stories are really credible. "Neither company sees anything attractive in the UK. There is more to buy of value elsewhere in the US or other parts of Europe."

Brokers say it's more likely that someone is putting the story round that like-for-like sales at Asda are growing strongly and could be up by as much as 8 per cent. Asda rose 4p to 150.5p. Rival Wm Morrison Supermarkets, up 7.5p at 312.5p, recently reported encouraging like-for-like sales growth, but much of this was achieved in non-food sales. Asda still relies heavily on food sales for profits.

Some investors are still taking the view that a soft landing for the economy will be good news for the supermarkets.

"I wouldn't go jumping in both feet. Competition means Asda is having a tough time of it," adds Mr Dennis.

Industry sources claim that the Office of Fair Trading report into the food retailers could be out as early as tomorrow. Some say the matter will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. J Sainsbury rose 14p to 376.5p, and Iceland 25p to 275p ahead of results later today.

The rest of the equity market endured a lacklustre session with prices trading in a narrow band. Investors say there is scope for another cut in interest rates but could muster little enthusiasm.

An early 34-point fall was reversed but prices lost ground again following a dull start to trading on Wall Street and in the wake of Friday's losses. London closed off its lows with a fall of 10.4 at 6,152.8. Turnover was 932 million shares.

There seems to be no stopping Dixons, the high street retailer, whose popularity knows no bounds. The price surged another 71p to 141.4 in the wake of an upbeat report from Schroder Securities, the broker, on Friday. It has put a



John Newman, chairman of TT, saw shares of the group firm in the belief that it will increase its bid for Hall Engineering

value of 970p a share on the core retailing business but reckons the Freeserve Internet service could be worth as much as 10.

Institutional support lifted Rentokil Initial 10p to 385p as BT Alex Brown, the broker, raised its recommendation for the shares from "market underperform" to "market perform". ICI, which has been enjoying

a revival in recent weeks, ran into profit taking ending the session 6p lower at 574.5p. The price was hovering just above its low of 446p, last month, but has been chased high on talk of disposals. Absence of any fresh news has provided the signal for the sellers to move in.

In the financial sector Alliance & Leicester rose 20p to 859p as Warburg Dillon Read,

the broker, moved to raise its rating for the shares from "buy" to "strong buy". Northern Rock fell 14p to 502p after a brokers' note.

Merrill Lynch, the broker, has also taken a shine to Norwich Union, 34p dearer at 430p. It has upgraded from "neutral" to "accumulate".

Rea Brothers, the merchant bank, edged up 1p from 464p. Robert Maasdijk, a director, has picked up 695,400 shares, or 1.4 per cent at 454p.

TT Group firms 14p to

155p. It has until Friday to decide whether to raise its hostile 97p a share bid for Hall Engineering, unchanged at 140p.

City speculators claim TT will be tempted to raise the offer.

Mövenpick, the Swiss hotel and restaurant group, which has just walked away from a deal to acquire the Aroma coffee chain, is on the lookout for acquisitions. Word is, it is now eyeing up City Gourmets, unchanged at 325p, which owns the Madisons chain of restaurants. Scottish & Newcastle, steady at 694p, may also be interested. City Gourmet is capitalised at £6.7 million.

Avisone, the housebuilder, rose 2p to 515p today. Speculators claim that a 65p-a-share offer from Polyplastics, worth £25.5 million, is on the way.

Dealers have been growing impatient for a bid. Avonide admitted to being in talks in early January, but has said nothing since. The story goes that it rejected Polyplastics' first offer of 60p a share so the talks had to restart.

In the meantime, Polyplastics appears vulnerable. It rose 5p to 515p after Prudential raised its stake in the company to 12.38 million, or 7.34 per cent.

Heworth, up 4p at 186p, is seen as a potential suitor.

RJ Mackie, finance director,

has bought 100,000 Card Clear shares at 294p, stretching his holding to 130,000, or less than 1 per cent. The shares responded with a rise of 5p to 34p.

□ **GILT-EDGE:** Bond prices in London took their lead from US Treasury bonds and closed lower on the day in thin trading. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished down 17p at 117.38, while Treasury 9 per cent 2008 was 18p off at 113.97.

□ **NEW YORK:** US shares were mixed in early trading.

At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.38 points to 9,914.93.

Southern Energy, down 13p to 579p, from "hold" to "buy" and lifted the target price on the shares to 75p.

It is also bullish on British Energy, up 3p to 548p, after upgrading it from "buy" to "strong buy".

Viridian, up lighter at 665p, has been moved from "hold" to "buy" with a target price of 800p. PowerGen, down 16p to 709p, is also on Warburg's shopping list, having moved from a "hold" to a "buy" for the shares. But it is sticking with its target price of 845p.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been oversold with investors growing concerned about electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish &

Northern Energy, down 13p to 579p, from "hold" to "buy" and lifted the target price on the shares to 75p.

It is also bullish on British Energy, up 3p to 548p, after upgrading it from "buy" to "strong buy".

Viridian, up lighter at 665p, has been moved from "hold" to "buy" with a target price of 800p. PowerGen, down 16p to 709p, is also on Warburg's shopping list, having moved from a "hold" to a "buy" for the shares. But it is sticking with its target price of 845p.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish &

Northern Energy, down 13p to 579p, from "hold" to "buy" and lifted the target price on the shares to 75p.

It is also bullish on British Energy, up 3p to 548p, after upgrading it from "buy" to "strong buy".

Viridian, up lighter at 665p, has been moved from "hold" to "buy" with a target price of 800p. PowerGen, down 16p to 709p, is also on Warburg's shopping list, having moved from a "hold" to a "buy" for the shares. But it is sticking with its target price of 845p.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

It has raised Scottish & Newcastle's target price to 750p.

The power generators are coming back into their own after a difficult start to the year that has seen the sector drop by about 10 per cent.

Brokers such as Warburg Dillon Read, take the view that they have been

oversold with investors growing concerned about

electricity price cuts. Utility companies lose much of their appeal in a bull market with investors falling back on their defensive qualities when the market's fortunes turn.

MATOLE KALETSKY

## Dow's past portrays all its bulls running out of steam

**Talk of a bubble on Wall Street is premature but the exalted price of shares cannot last**

**W**ith the Dow Jones Industrial Average challenging the previous unthinkable target of 10,000, predictions of impending calamity — not only for Wall Street but also for America and the entire world economy — are becoming widespread, as they have at each of the previous symbolic milestones of this great bull market.

The American media, bored with non-eventful Year 2000 stories, have suddenly discovered Dow 10,000. This time, however, the Jeremiahs are being drowned out by the cries of jubilation from the many brave American investors who ignored the bearish conventional wisdom and the self-satisfied smuggers of the small band of Wall Street analysts who have stubbornly, and correctly, stuck to their bullish instincts since the start of this record-breaking rally in early 1995.

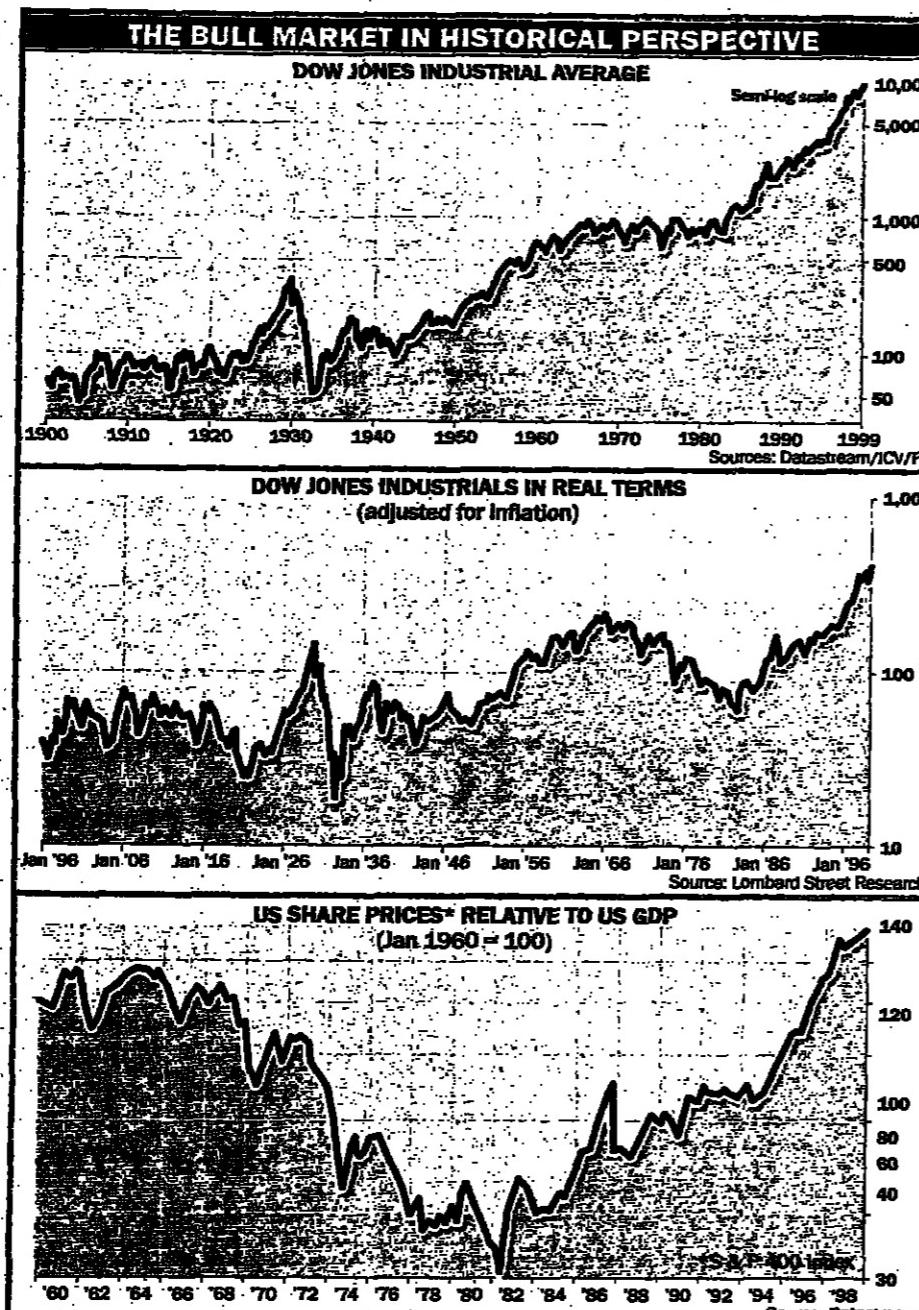
The question now is whether the spectacular performance of the American economy (which three months ago was thought by most of the so-called experts to be on the verge of a slowdown or even a depression) will vindicate the optimists yet again. My hunch is "yes, but only in the short term".

The bull market will probably go even higher in the next month or two. Wall Street could easily gain another 10 per cent or so in response to three factors.

As American companies start announcing their quarterly results in early April, the bearish analysts and investors who had expected disastrous consequences for corporate America from last year's Asian and Russian financial crises will finally be forced to throw in the towel. The fact is that, the global financial crisis was never going to be more than a pinprick for American companies as long as the Federal Reserve and the Clinton administration stuck firmly to monetary and fiscal policies that sustained demand.

The second big factor that could sustain the bull market in the short term is simply the weight of money still waiting on the sidelines in the hope of finding a better opportunity to buy American shares at a "more reasonable" price.

American individual investors are still pouring unprecedented sums of money into their personal pension plans (belying the nonsensical statistics which claim to show that Americans have forgotten how to save) — and much of this money is still waiting to be allocated to shares.



An even more important bullish factor is the misfortune and incompetence of so many professional investors — especially the hapless British fund managers based in the City of London — who have consistently failed to understand the forces driving the American market and have consequently missed out on the greatest financial event of their careers.

Little by little, these intransigent "perma-bears" are being forced to admit their mistake and to start buying shares on Wall Street. As these bearish foreign fund managers capitulate and buy shares on Wall Street almost regardless of price, the US stock market may be driven ever higher in the kind of speculative climax that typically characterises the final phase of a great bull market.

The third, and most important positive factor, is that, while share prices on Wall Street are certainly expensive by historic standards, they are not yet as wildly "overvalued" as many investors believe.

Internet, computer and telecommunications stocks are unquestionably in a bubble. Today's arguments about internet valuations are identical to those heard in The Netherlands during the tulip mania and in Japan,

during the bubble economy of the late Eighties. Companies such as Amazon.com, Dell, Yahoo! and AOL have no proprietary technologies, operate in markets with very low barriers to entry and enjoy only marginal brand loyalty. Just as there is no rational limit to their valuation on the way up, there will be no rational floor to how far they can fall on the way down.

**M**oving beyond the technology sector, however, the claims about a Wall Street bubble, so popular among the wiseacres in the City of London, are much less persuasive. For top quality businesses with good long-term growth prospects, the Dow's present valuation of 25.3 times last year's earnings, or 21.4 times average earnings estimates for 1999, is high by historic standards, but not completely unreasonable, especially if US Treasury bonds, the main alternative investment, continue to yield only 5 per cent or so.

This also becomes clear if Wall Street's present level is considered from a long-term historical perspective. While it may seem ridiculous that stock market prices have increased tenfold since 1982,

when the Dow was only at 1,000, the fact is that the great bull market of the past 17 years was not all that unusual by historic standards. In fact, if we look back to the day when the Dow first reached 1,000, which was January 18, 1966, it becomes clear that the tenfold increase in prices on Wall Street has really been achieved over 33 years, not 17. That amounts to a compound annual increase of only 7.2 per cent, less than 2.5 per cent above the average rate of inflation in that period.

The second chart, derived from a study by Alex Skinner of Lombard Street Research, offers the correct perspective. This shows that the Dow, when adjusted for inflation, has only just reached the top of a channel rising at a rate of 2.1 per cent, well below the US economy's average real growth rate of 3.1 per cent since 1966.

My third chart, which shows a broader measure of stock market performance, the S&P 400 industrials index, shows that this broader range of companies has advanced a little faster than the US economy. But even on this calculation, the present level of the market is only 20 or 30 per cent higher than its typical level in the early 1960s. US

shares are certainly expensive, but they are still nowhere near the speculative extremes reached, for instance, in Japan ten years ago.

Why, then, the popular misconception that the stock market is now at some completely unprecedented speculative extreme? The best explanation is simply that the 33-year period since the Dow's last true peak in 1966 has been divided into two very different halves. In the first 16 years, from 1966 until 1982, stock market investors suffered almost continuous losses in a savage bear market, which, when adjusted for inflation, was almost as bad as the crash of 1929-1933. The following 17 years were, by contrast, a period of steady recovery. And the point has now been reached where the market has returned, in real terms to around the trend that had previously been touched in the peaks of 1906, 1929 and 1966.

That, of course, can hardly be construed as good news for investors. Each of those peaks was followed by a stock market fall of 25 per cent or more, followed by a long period of directionless trading in which values were gradually whittled away by inflation. Could the same thing happen now?

**T**here is obviously nothing pre-ordained about the trend lines drawn in the second chart or about the valuations relative to GDP shown in the third. There is no reason, in principle, why share prices should not rise permanently above the sort of valuations that have prevailed for the past 100 years. What cannot be disputed is that Wall Street has now completed its recovery from the troughs of the 1970s and 1980s. In this sense the "easy" part of the bull market is clearly behind. And history, which remains our only real guide to the future, suggests that shares are almost certain to suffer a serious setback, probably taking them back towards the middle of the channel in which they have traded for the past century.

In sum, it remains quite likely that share prices will keep rising in the short term. But the higher they move, the further they will eventually fall. It is worth recalling the health warning at the bottom of most financial advertisements:

"Shares should be seen as a long-term investment and not as a short-term speculation." In the present circumstances this view should be exactly reversed: buying shares at these levels may pay off as a short-term speculation, but they should not be viewed as a long-term investment.

Shares are now so expensive that, even though further large short-term gains are possible, they are unlikely to be sustained. Shares bought at these exalted levels may perform not much better in the years ahead than they did in the decades that followed the Dow reaching 100 in 1906 and 1,000 in 1966. That cautionary message should be remembered, even if Wall Street races past the Dow 10,000 milestone.

The 20-year contract, signed yesterday, is the first success for Marlene Foxon, the former Forte Hotels property director, who these days travels the world looking for deals for Maritz Wolff, the US investment firm that owns 50 per cent of Rosewood.

**L**EAVING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

### Off piste

**S**T MORITZ has been the spiritual home of winter sports ever since we Brits (of all people) invented them there in 1865. And for 101 of those 134 years the Badrutt family has been dispensing hospitality to the rich and famous. George Soros, Tina Turner, Ivana Trump and Princess Caroline of Monaco are all regulars at the Badrutt's Palace Hotel.

In recent months there have been persistent rumours that the current generation was planning to sell up. Although that is not, in fact, the case, it is true that the Badrudds are to take a back seat by handing over management of the 234-room property to Rosewood Hotels, which runs the Lanesborough in London and the Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas.

These days the family is busy expanding its vision of Europe in Strasbourg. The 86-year-old Otto von Hapsburg — the son of the last Austrian Emperor — has long been an MEP for the Bavarian Christian Social Union. Unfortunately, his posi-

## Finding the right formula for branding fast cars



supplying engineers for Williams from next season. As BMW already has two performance car brands — the M series and the Alpina joint venture — it will not be launching a BMW Williams. This probably makes it easier for Williams to develop its brand independently. Expect products in the shops before the end of the season.

ed Williams include high-performance motor products — oil in particular — electronic products — such as hi-fi, mobile phones and laptop computers — watches and clothes. Unlike McLaren, which has developed a sportscar and a hi-fi for the super-rich consumer (and received some bad publicity when one of its tycoon customers died when he crashed his McLaren), Wil-

liams sees its product range going more towards the mid-market. Williams's name has been used outside the industry just once before. When Renault made engines for Williams it brought out a Renault Clio Williams, which proved highly popular but was discontinued when Renault pulled out of Formula One. BMW will be

### MARKET LEADER

Williams sees its product range going more towards the mid-market.

Williams's name has been used outside the industry just once before. When Renault made engines for Williams it brought out a Renault Clio Williams, which proved highly popular but was discontinued when Renault pulled out of Formula One. BMW will be

lead sponsor, which chooses to push Winfield, its subsidiary cigarette brand, through the sponsorship.

Two changes will hit. Firstly, the ban on tobacco advertising — which will affect Formula One during the 2003 season. Secondly, Rothmans is in the process of merging with BAT, which owns its own Formula One team, British American Racing. The cost of BAR will no doubt have an impact on how much the combined BAT/Rothmans would be willing to target at Williams.

Williams reckons it can find a non-tobacco sponsor to replace Winfield/Rothmans.

However,

as quite a few other teams with tobacco sponsors — including McLaren, Jordan and Benetton — are pursuing similar aims and some top teams — such as Arrows — are finding, it is difficult securing a sponsor even for this season.

This is one of the reasons why Williams has decided it needs a brand. It feels that it should start generating other sources of income as money is the fuel for Formula One success these days.

The new brand and logo has been developed for Williams by Corporate Edge, those design consultants who brought us the PowerGen symbol of what looks like a woman holding a piece of plutonium, the CGU brand created when Commercial Union merged with General Accident, and Egg which, love it or hate it, is one of the most successful financial brand launches in recent history.

Chris Wood,

the director of Corporate Edge, who is working with Williams, believes that the Williams brand has certain "core values" that can be used for products other than racing cars. These include dedication, innovation, flair, integrity and fun.

The sort of products Mr Wood believes could be brand-



Alex Zanardi sporting a helmet with the new Williams brand

**big**  
on commitment...

...and long standing relationships.

Rowe & Maw

LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS  
20 Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6HD  
Telephone: 0171 248 4282

## Flying feathers

**M**ICHAEL Cannon knows a thing or two about pubs. Having bought his first hostelry at the age of 26 for £10,000, he went on to amass a not-so-small fortune from building Devenish and the Magic Pub Co into significant businesses then selling out at a huge profit to bigger rivals.

Last year, Cannon returned to the fray in some style, snapping up Morells, the Oxford brewer, for £48 million, and paying a further £27 million, or so acquiring Fuddruckers, the US hamburger chain.



Cannon: may upset real ale buffs

And now I hear that he may have set his sights on Morland of Abingdon, purveyor of Old Speckled Hen and Ruddles ales and reputedly a runner-up to Cannon in the bidding for Morells.

It could just be tap room banter, but the word is that Cannon is pondering a plan to reverse Morells into the quoted Morland to create a group with almost 500 pubs. As with Morells, the Morland brewery would probably be closed and the brewing of its ales farmed out to a contract brewer.

Such a move would cause a furore among real ale enthusiasts — there is even an Old Speckled Hen Society — although there are vague whispers that Shepherd Neame, the Kent brewer and a favourite of the sandal-wearing fraternity, could yet enter the bidding and save the day.

MY latest edition of Property Week informs me that Gordon Edington, group property director at BAA, has made it on to the shortlist of the Property Personality of the Year award. Yet, as a news report in the same magazine points out, Edington left the company earlier this month — one of some 50 casualties in the wake of BAA's decision to scrap a planned merger of its Lynton property development arm. A sympathetic vote perhaps?



### Off piste

**S**T MORITZ has been the spiritual home of winter sports ever since we Brits (of all people) invented them there in 1865. And for 101 of those 134 years the Badrutt family has been dispensing hospitality to the rich and famous. George Soros, Tina Turner, Ivana Trump and Princess Caroline of Monaco are all regulars at the Badrutt's Palace Hotel.

These days the family is busy

expanding its vision of Europe in Strasbourg. The 86-year-old Otto von Hapsburg — the son of the last Austrian Emperor — has long been an MEP for the Bavarian Christian Social Union. Unfortunately, his posi-

tion appears to be under threat after comments likening critics of the family's political ambitions to Hitler.

However, the family torch will

continue to be borne by his son Karl,

an MEP for the Austrian People's Party, while his daughter, Walpurga Hapsburg-Douglas, is thinking of running in Sweden. All three are heavily involved with the Pan-Europe Movement, which officially aims to promote European unity, although cynics chide it has far more to do with the restoration of the Hapsburgs.

Sadly for Mr Hardern, it again looks as if his plans are going to be blocked by long-established vested interests.

DOMINIC WALSH

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey, owns nothing in Wales.

LEAFING through the Chesterfield Properties circular to shareholders I am saddened to see that the company has headquarters in Mayfair and has no properties in Chesterfield. This, of course, is a fine tradition in the property sector. Derwent Valley Holdings, for example, no longer owns the famous Derwent Valley railway or anything else in that part of the world, while Cardiff Properties, which is based in Surrey,



## Fast-track hope lifts Scotia

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Scotia Holdings yesterday rose 13 per cent to 108p as the drug development company said the US Food and Drug Administration will consider fast-track approval for Foscavac, its laser-activated cancer drug.

This could enable Foscavac to be approved for treating patients dying of head and neck cancer in about a year, six months ahead of schedule.

Scotia intends to file for marketing approval in the US and Europe by the end of September. Rob Dow, chief executive, said that fast-track designation demonstrated that Foscavac addresses an unmet medical need. Core Group, the drug delivery company, is considering seeking a buyer after losing almost 90 per cent of its value since flotation two years ago. The City values it at £10.9 million, less than the £15.1 million of cash held in December. Losses last year rose to £5.9 million (£4.7 million).

## Monument opens door to potential merger deals

BY CARL MORTISHAW  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

MONUMENT Oil & Gas opened the door to potential bidders yesterday when its chairman announced that the company would seek opportunities to add value for shareholders through mergers.

The oil exploration group, whose chief executive is Tim Eggar, the former Tory Energy Minister, said that it would seek to participate in the restructuring of the oil industry.

Tony Craven Walker, chairman of Monument, said that combining strengths through industry mergers was to be encouraged. "We shall be seeking ways of benefiting from restructuring to complement the company's strengths and improve shareholder return."

Monument's operating profits halved last year to £17.6 million mainly as a result of the collapse in the oil prices, but the company also suffered from a shutdown at Liverpool Bay after an oil spill. Net profit plunged to £7.5 million from £19.6 million in 1997.



Tim Eggar with Liz Airey, finance director of Monument, which saw operating profits halve

Mr Craven Walker said that Monument was more positive than others in the industry about oil price prospects. "We do not believe that production

can be maintained at the low prices seen in recent months." However, he said that a sustained recovery might not occur for some months.

Monument gave warning that low oil prices meant that returns from its investment in the Burun field in Turkmenistan were not satisfactory.

Monument said that it was not paying a dividend due to the difficult circumstances in the oil industry and the need to preserve capital.

## Alexon issues downbeat statement

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ALEXON is expecting conditions to remain tough in the women's wear retailing business for at least the next six months.

John Osborn, chief executive, said that trade had turned down in the winter and had remained difficult in the first few weeks of the current year.

Like-for-like sales growth in the second half of 1998 was just 2.5 per cent.

Shares of the company fell nearly 10 per cent on the gloomy outlook to 196.5p. Alexon is not paying any dividend because it wants to be able to make acquisitions, it said. Alexon and Electra Fleming bought Dold's, the shoe retailer, from Sears 18 months ago.

Mr Osborn said: "The company is, I believe, in good shape to weather whatever difficulties may lie ahead and to capitalise on the opportunities presented."

Other brands in the company are Alexon, Essex, Dash

and the newer Ann Harvey and Kallion. The latter two were the best performers, the company said, while Alexon and Essex were the worst hit by the slowdown.

The future looks uncertain for the company's factories at Luton and Hawkhorn, South Wales. Alexon said: "While both factories are meeting our quality requirements, we are facing strong price competition from offshore sources of supply and need to keep the situation under continuous review."

Many British clothing manufacturers, including Coats Viyella, William Baird and Austin Reed, have announced factory closures in recent months.

In the year to January 30, Alexon, which has 783 outlets in Britain and Europe, made a pre-tax profit of £16.7 million, down from £17.2 million. The fall was attributed to losses of £5.6 million at Dold's. Group turnover rose from £136 million to £145 million.

## Vivendi to buy US water group

BY MARTIN BARROW

VIVENDI, the French company that is the world's largest environmental services provider, said yesterday that it was buying United States Filter in a deal worth \$4.2 billion (£3.8 billion).

The deal worth £315m a share in cash to USFilter's investors will create a clear world leader in water technology for a range of industrial, agricultural, commercial and residential uses.

Once approved by regulators the agreed transaction will nearly double the revenues of the water treatment business of Vivendi, the company formerly known as Générale des Eaux. With USFilter, based in California, the annual sales of the combined

businesses will be about \$12 billion.

Jean-Marie Messier, chairman of Vivendi, said: "The world's population is continuing to grow. Industry is demanding ever-higher standards of processed water for manufacturing and the demand for quality waste water treatment to protect the environment has never been greater."

Richard J. Heckman, chairman and chief executive of USFilter, said: "This transaction makes strategic sense for us. Together we will have a capability for tapping the municipal privatization market in the United States and elsewhere that we haven't had before."

## TOP PEP DISCOUNTS

From the leading providers

### NO GIMMICKS!

Up to 100% initial commission discounts available  
PLUS any provider discount

**SAVE UP TO 5.5%**  
WITH NO HANDLING FEES!

Contact us now for discount details & our FREE PEP Information Pack & ISA Fact Sheet

**0500 498477**

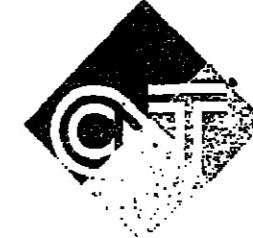
Financial Discounts Direct

FREEPOST, Alton, Hants GU34 1BR

e-mail: cnd@fastgroup.com - web: http://www.financial-discounts.co.uk

The above offers and discounts are available to new clients only. They may not be available in all areas or to all clients. They are subject to change without notice.

talk to CNT on 01733 555825



Locations made for business success

www.cnt.org.uk

Other CNT locations made for business success: Bedford, Bracknell, Central Lancashire, Corby, Crosby, Harlow, Hinckley, Hemel Hempstead, Milton Keynes, Northampton, Redditch, Runcorn, Shrewsbury, Stevenage, Telford, Warrington, Washington, Welwyn Garden City

## TT poised to increase offer for Hall

BY PAUL ARMSTRONG

TT GROUP, the electronic engineering company, all but committed itself yesterday to lifting its £52 million hostile takeover bid for Hall Engineering, the steel fabrication group.

John Newman, executive chairman, said that his company was still considering the increase, but added: "This will be our final offer."

TT's bid of 97p a share compares with Hall's closing price of 140p yesterday and has been rejected outright by Hall's directors. TT has until Friday to raise its offer. But John Sword, chief executive of Hall, has said that he may proceed with a management buyout, although he has not revealed the terms of any move.

The acquisition of Hall, which makes automotive pressings and reinforcement bars, would boost TT's efforts to increase the range of products that it supplies to the vehicle industry.

TT declared yesterday that the tough times in the engi-

neering sector had restricted its pre-tax profit to £65 million, a rise of just 3.8 per cent.

Mr Newman said that the strong pound, the Asian economic crisis and tighter margins took a toll on earnings.

However, he said that longer-term profit growth would be underpinned by increased demand for TT's electronics goods in the automotive sector and further acquisitions.

Mr Newman said that the value of car components was forecast to grow by 80 per cent between 1997 and 2005. Volumes would continue to rise as components used in luxury models, such as anti-slip brakes, were included in more standard vehicles. Laws concerning emissions, fuel economy and safety would also lead to higher demand for TT's components, he said.

TT declared a final dividend of 6.1p, making 9.79p for the year, up 11.8 per cent.

Tempus, page 30



Peterborough is a wonderful contrast

of 4,000 years of heritage and a tomorrow's world outlook.

The historic Norman Cathedral sits at the heart of a fast-growing new city that has attracted companies like Thomas Cook, Pearl Assurance, Barclays Trust, Cable & Wireless and Freemans Mail Order.

The city which started as a Bronze Age settlement now benefits from full digital fibre optic cable, microwave links and satellite communications systems.

Yesterday and tomorrow are just as evident in the homes available; fine stone-built period properties or new modern homes on attractively laid-out leafy estates.

No wonder both businesses and people prosper here.

Find out how locating in Peterborough can benefit your business.

THE TIMES' UNTRUSTED INFORMATION SOURCE

## Equities suffer modest falls

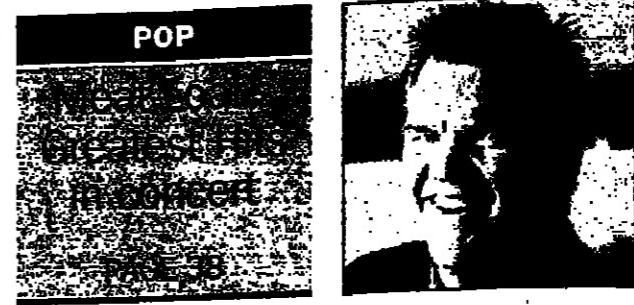
**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

	High	Low	Company	Price	Yield	%	PE		High	Low	Company	Price	Yield	%	PE		High	Low	Company	Price	Yield	%	PE
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>																							
665 200	100	95	Admiral Dist	95	+	4	PE		201 342	330	Aerospace Mkt	330	+	7	115		214 748	748	Agfa-Gevaert	748	+	1	15
666 200	100	95	Amber Dist	95	+	4	PE		202 343	330	Alcohol Corp	330	+	7	115		215 752	752	Aigle	752	+	1	15
667 200	100	95	Amber Dist 2	95	+	4	PE		203 344	330	Amber Dist 2	330	+	7	115		216 753	753	Alcatel	753	+	1	15
668 200	100	95	Amber Dist A	95	+	4	PE		204 345	330	Amber Dist A	330	+	7	115		217 754	754	Alcatel Bell	754	+	1	15
669 200	100	95	Amber Dist B	95	+	4	PE		205 346	330	Amber Dist B	330	+	7	115		218 755	755	Alcatel Space	755	+	1	15
670 200	100	95	Amber Dist C	95	+	4	PE		206 347	330	Amber Dist C	330	+	7	115		219 756	756	Alcatel Space 2	756	+	1	15
671 200	100	95	Amber Dist D	95	+	4	PE		207 348	330	Amber Dist D	330	+	7	115		220 757	757	Alcatel Space 3	757	+	1	15
672 200	100	95	Amber Dist E	95	+	4	PE		208 349	330	Amber Dist E	330	+	7	115		221 758	758	Alcatel Space 4	758	+	1	15
673 200	100	95	Amber Dist F	95	+	4	PE		209 350	330	Amber Dist F	330	+	7	115		222 759	759	Alcatel Space 5	759	+	1	15
674 200	100	95	Amber Dist G	95	+	4	PE		210 351	330	Amber Dist G	330	+	7	115		223 760	760	Alcatel Space 6	760	+	1	15
675 200	100	95	Amber Dist H	95	+	4	PE		211 352	330	Amber Dist H	330	+	7	115		224 761	761	Alcatel Space 7	761	+	1	15
676 200	100	95	Amber Dist I	95	+	4	PE		212 353	330	Amber Dist I	330	+	7	115		225 762	762	Alcatel Space 8	762	+	1	15
677 200	100	95	Amber Dist J	95	+	4	PE		213 354	330	Amber Dist J	330	+	7	115		226 763	763	Alcatel Space 9	763	+	1	15
678 200	100	95	Amber Dist K	95	+	4	PE		214 355	330	Amber Dist K	330	+	7	115		227 764	764	Alcatel Space 10	764	+	1	15
679 200	100	95	Amber Dist L	95	+	4	PE		215 356	330	Amber Dist L	330	+	7	115		228 765	765	Alcatel Space 11	765	+	1	15
680 200	100	95	Amber Dist M	95	+	4	PE		216 357	330	Amber Dist M	330	+	7	115		229 766	766	Alcatel Space 12	766	+	1	15
681 200	100	95	Amber Dist N	95	+	4	PE		217 358	330	Amber Dist N	330	+	7	115		230 767	767	Alcatel Space 13	767	+	1	15
682 200	100	95	Amber Dist O	95	+	4	PE		218 359	330	Amber Dist O	330	+	7	115		231 768	768	Alcatel Space 14	768	+	1	15
683 200	100	95	Amber Dist P	95	+	4	PE		219 360	330	Amber Dist P	330	+	7	115		232 769	769	Alcatel Space 15	769	+	1	15
684 200	100	95	Amber Dist Q	95	+	4	PE		220 361	330	Amber Dist Q	330	+	7	115		233 770	770	Alcatel Space 16	770	+	1	15
685 200	100	95	Amber Dist R	95	+	4	PE		221 362	330	Amber Dist R	330	+	7	115		234 771	771	Alcatel Space 17	771	+	1	15
686 200	100	95	Amber Dist S	95	+	4	PE		222 363	330	Amber Dist S	330	+	7	115		235 772	772	Alcatel Space 18	772	+	1	15
687 200	100	95	Amber Dist T	95	+	4	PE		223 364	330	Amber Dist T	330	+	7	115		236 773	773	Alcatel Space 19	773	+	1	15
688 200	100	95	Amber Dist U	95	+	4	PE		224 365	330	Amber Dist U	330	+	7	115		237 774	774	Alcatel Space 20	774	+	1	15
689 200	100	95	Amber Dist V	95	+	4	PE		225 366	330	Amber Dist V	330	+	7	115		238 775	775	Alcatel Space 21	775	+	1	15
690 200	100	95	Amber Dist W	95	+	4	PE		226 367	330	Amber Dist W	330	+	7	115		239 776	776	Alcatel Space 22	776	+	1	15
691 200	100	95	Amber Dist X	95	+	4	PE		227 368	330	Amber Dist X	330	+	7	115		240 777	777	Alcatel Space 23	777	+	1	15
692 200	100	95	Amber Dist Y	95	+	4	PE		228 369	330	Amber Dist Y	330	+	7	115		241 778	778	Alcatel Space 24	778	+	1	15
693 200	100	95	Amber Dist Z	95	+	4	PE		229 370	330	Amber Dist Z	330	+	7	115		242 779	779	Alcatel Space 25	779	+	1	15
694 200	100	95	Amber Dist AA	95	+	4	PE		230 371	330	Amber Dist AA	330	+	7	115		243 780	780	Alcatel Space 26	780	+	1	15
695 200	100	95	Amber Dist BB	95	+	4	PE		231 372	330	Amber Dist BB	330	+	7	115		244 781	781	Alcatel Space 27	781	+	1	15
696 200	100	95	Amber Dist CC	95	+	4	PE		232 373	330	Amber Dist CC	330	+	7	115		245 782	782	Alcatel Space 28	782	+	1	15
697 200	100	95	Amber Dist DD	95	+	4	PE		233 374	330	Amber Dist DD	330	+	7	115		246 783	783	Alcatel Space 29	783	+	1	15
698 200	100	95	Amber Dist EE	95	+	4	PE		234 375	330	Amber Dist EE	330	+	7	115		247 784	784	Alcatel Space 30	784	+	1	15
699 200	100	95	Amber Dist FF	95	+	4	PE		235 376	330	Amber Dist FF	330	+	7	115		248 785	785	Alcatel Space 31	785	+	1	15
700 200	100	95	Amber Dist GG	95	+	4	PE		236 377	330	Amber Dist GG	330	+	7	115		249 786	786	Alcatel Space 32	786	+	1	15
701 200	100	95	Amber Dist HH	95	+	4	PE		237 378	330	Amber Dist HH	330	+	7	115		250 787	787	Alcatel Space				



**FILM**  
Clint Eastwood  
has 12 hours  
to save a life  
PAGE 37

# ARTS



## Cooking up a Caribbean storm

**THEATRE:** Kylie Minogue was just one of the novelties in a Bajan *The Tempest*. Michael Owen reports

A busy roundabout in Bridgetown, Barbados, is the site of a powerful statue commemorating freedom from slavery on the island. It depicts a black man with his hands raised aloft in triumph, the newly broken chains from the manacles on his wrists.

This potent image has been drafted on to the end of a colourful new production of *The Tempest* as Caliban, played by the black actor Ade Sapara, gives the same signal of victory that recalls his opening words to Prospero: "This is land mine . . . that thou taketh from me."

The fact that the show was playing just a couple of miles from the statue and that the audience was predominantly Bajan gave an added resonance to Shakespeare's most colonial of plays, and to the spirit of forgiveness and redemption that inhabits it. The production has been retitled *The Caribbean Tempest*, and what looked in prospect like a carnival romp through the masque and magic of the piece has turned into a creditable creation fuelled by its exotic location and cross-cultural participants.

The casting of Kylie Minogue as Miranda may have raised the odd knowing smile in anticipation, but she

conducted herself more than adequately. She even declined to sing, even though a number was specially written into the show for her.

Peter O'Toole, an even more unpredictable stellar presence, was originally engaged to play Prospero, but a clash of film dates prevented the charismatic Irishman from making the

**'The salary for the actors comes mainly in the form of rum and sunshine'**

trip, and David Calder was recruited for the role, fresh from his success in the same part with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The production was the main event in this year's Virgin Atlantic Holders Season. This festival has been running in Barbados for the past six years, since John and Wendy Kidd agreed to turn over their 18th-century plantation estate to the event each March. Paparotti and Lesley Garrett

have been among the visitors. Christopher Biggins has supervised previous Shakespearean offerings but this year, with the arrival of Virgin's new sponsorship, something more ambitious was sought.

The mastermind behind *The Caribbean Tempest* was Kit Hesketh-Harvey, of Kit and the Widow fame. He responded to a request from the Kidds to come up with a show that combined Bajan and international talent and settled on *The Tempest*. He filleted the text to use Shakespeare's lines as lyrics and brought in two local composers, Andre Daniel and Arturo Tappin, to provide a set of new songs as well as a background score.

The show starts with the genuine sound of voodoo drummers and includes calypso, rap and reggae rhythms.

Artel, arrayed like a brilliantly lit bird of paradise, is accompanied by a team of sprites whose skills incorporate stilts-walking, acrobatics and juggling, all fantastically caparisoned in huge feathered outfits. A children's chorus keeps threatening to steal the show, and at the centre is a clutch of English actors including Roger Lloyd Pack, Alan Cox, Rupert Penry-Jones and Kevin Moore to provide the required ballast.

"It's not a terribly well-paid job for them as the salary comes mainly in the form of rum and sunshine," says Hesketh-Harvey. The performances are staged in the open air with a raised lawn as a stage and palm trees used to support the lighting rigs. The Isle is full of noises, sounds and sweet airs is effectively

suggested by the background of crickets, frogs and birds. A couple of rum punches on the way into the 800-seater arena and the magus is beginning to have its effect even before Prospero starts to invoke his charms and spells.

But Hesketh-Harvey sees a more serious purpose about than providing some fanciful form of holiday culture. "There are so many reasons why the play should be revisited in a Caribbean location. Shakespeare was writing at a time when seafarers were returning from the West Indies with tales of shipwrecks and cannibals. Bajan English is nearer to Elizabethan English than the way we speak today. Because of the background of colonialism, *The Tempest* is the most studied play on the island and slavery is still a very raw memory. It speaks directly to people here and they know it line for line, as the audience reaction demonstrates."

"The fact that it was written as a masque to celebrate a wedding accounts for the liberal use of music, and we have taken advantage of that. I'm a little disappointed Kylie decided not to sing. We'd written *O Brave New World* as a solo for her. She does join in a duet with Ferdinand briefly, just to support the actor playing him who feels a bit vocally challenged. But she was serious about playing this one straight and has turned out to be a model company member. She even helps to carry the props."

The production also gave Hesketh-Harvey the chance to explore voodoo traditions on the island. "The population here is mostly Christian and they are quite devout about it. But there is no doubt there is a good number who still believe in voodoo. I find it fascinating as I was born in Malawi and the sight of the witch-doctors coming to bless our house was the most terrifying experience I can remember."

A more significant visit occurred when officials from the Edinburgh Festival flew in to catch the last performances.

"They are looking at us as a potential show for the Assembly Rooms. I still feel that the magical garden setting is such a star in its own right, but if we could find a way to suggest some of that in an indoor venue, then we could be on."

**BUILDING A LIBRARY**  
A guide to the best classical CDs in conjunction with BBC Radio 3

### DVORAK'S CELLO CONCERTO

Reviewed by Geoffrey Smith

ONE of the wonders of Dvorak's Cello Concerto is its symphonic scale, the subtle ways the soloist is woven into the orchestral texture. Previously, the cello had been thought incapable of projecting effectively through a large ensemble — Dvorak himself complained of the nasal quality of its upper register and its "mumbling" bass. But his superb sense of orchestral colour and relationships lets the instrument show the full range of its expressive power, while delivering an abundance of good tunes.

The piece has been recorded

by all the great names of the cello. Pablo Casals' 1937 version is still remarkable for its relentless intensity. Another legendary figure, Gregor Piatigorsky, is more Slavic and rhapsodic, and less concerned with technical precision. Any soloist must strike a balance between the concerto's lyricism and energy. The romantic themes should not sacrifice momentum to indulgence, as they do in Lynn Harrell's ver-

sion. Similarly, Jacqueline du Pré, though giving a performance, overlooks Dvorak's request that the melody which begins the second movement not be played too slowly.

Throughout the distinctive pleasure of the concerto is its mixture of emotions, alternating between tenderness and vivacity. Negotiating these changes is as much of a challenge as coping with the fiendish technical demands. Janos Starker plays with great fluency but perhaps not enough expression. Heinrich Schiff charts an attractive middle way, though he can become unduly aggressive in the robust passages.

Two masters stand out from the rest. Pierre Fournier and Mstislav Rostropovich both combine power, insight and eloquence in splendid virtuous displays, and both are superbly accompanied by the Berlin Philharmonic, under George Szell and Herbert von Karajan respectively. If sorely pressed, I would give the nod to Rostropovich (DG 447413-2, £10.49) for the heroic breadth of his conception and his recording's sumptuous sound.

To order the recommended recording, with free delivery, please send a cheque payable to The Times Music Shop to FREEPOST, SCO681, Forres, IV36 0BR or phone 0345 023 986; e-mail: music@the-times.co.uk

Next Saturday on Radio 3 (11am): Brahms's Piano Quintet



Making a song and dance of Shakespeare on the island: Kylie Minogue (Miranda), Kevin Moore (Gonzalo) and Rupert Penry-Jones (Ferdinand)

FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

THE TIMES

## DOUBLE TOKENS ALL THIS WEEK

**Children need more books**



### TOP OF THE CLASS

You are collecting so many tokens — 26 million so far - we thought you deserved a bonus. Collect extra tokens for your school every day this week.

### A BIG BOOST IN THE CLASSROOM

Whether you have no children or your children are grown up, why not give tokens to a school in your area. They will appreciate your support.

### MAKE THEIR BOOKS YOUR BUSINESS

If you have an interesting story to tell about collecting tokens, ring The Times today on: 0171-895 9018.

SEE BACK PAGE OF SECTION ONE FOR YOUR SECOND TOKEN

CHANGING TIMES



## You've come a long way, lady

### WORLD MUSIC

**MIRIAM MAKEBA**  
The name transcends music. Miriam Makeba's life has been so intricately entwined with her country's history that this rare London concert was bound to be touched with a special aura. Only Nina Simone could have arrived to a louder ovation. And just as that erratic lady sometimes gets by on charisma alone, so Makeba's vivacious personality made up for the longueurs in the music.

What we really came to hear, of course, were the adaptations of traditional tunes that the South African singer — now a stately 67 — made famous in her early years of exile. A handful duly arrived, but otherwise the format had moved on a long way since the Sixties.

There was scarcely a "click" to be heard for the first 45 minutes. Instead of the folk subtleties of her early bands, she fronted an anonymous pan-African group who relied on brusque amplification, a ponderous drummer and a sprinkling of soft rock clichés.

Few good melodies such as *Homeland* and *A Promise* proved every bit as anodyne as their titles suggested. Makeba's four backing singers added some evocative harmonies, but the lumpen rhythm section left little room for her own vocals to shine through. The

audience, it has to be said, did not seem to mind. A party is a party.

Still, it was heartening to see the liveliest bout of dancing in the aisles prompted by the vintage *Nomewa* — performed after the interval in a brief jaunt down memory lane. That old faithful, *Wimoweh*, cast its usual spell, while the ethereal *Suliram* underlined Makeba's power as a balladeer. Though she spoke in little more than a whisper, her voice was still in imposing shape. The long swooping lines never wavered once, though she made a point of disappearing from the Festival Hall stage at intervals, presumably to recharge her batteries.

Towards the end her musicians filled the gap with gruesome showboating solos which went down a storm. The encores of traditional a cappella chants were all the more effective for being so simple. Why bother to try to be a sub-Saharan Celine Dion when you can be Miriam Makeba?

CLIVE DAVIS

### The Golden Thread STAMFORD RAFFLES AND THE EAST

Adventures, travels and collecting in Southeast Asia

Supported by Standard Chartered

Until 18 April 99  
Closed 2 April 99

Mon-Sat 10.45-5pm  
Sun 12-5pm  
Admission £4, concessions £3  
Advance booking essential  
0870 840 1111

BRITISH MUSEUM  
Great Russell Street  
London WC1 323 223





A LITERARY

THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

ARTS 37

**CINEMA:** Clint Eastwood has a double deadline to beat in *True Crime*, but somehow Giles Whittell can't get excited

# Don't hold the front page

**T**hey like us! They really like us! They are the superheroes of filmland, the alpha males, and we are the scribblers who inflate them in the interview rooms of the global publicity machine. But when they come across us in a decent script — as hard-living rogues holding the line between freedom and injustice — they can't resist us.

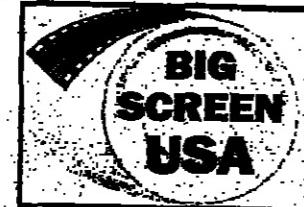
Woodrow and Bernstein weren't actually rogues. They were driven preys on *The Washington Post*, but they brought down a dastardly President and that was good enough for Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman in *All The President's Men*. Michael Keaton, underappreciated in *The Paper*, was a controlled rogue and Hollywood's archetypal hot metal hero; he stood his pregnant wife up for a story, but the story was worth it and he made it to the birth.

In *True Crime* Clint Eastwood is an uncontrolled rogue. He takes the Keaton model and cranks up all the variables: drinking himself out of a big New York reporting job and wrecking his family with mindless womanising when he ends up at the cramped and parochial *Oakland Tribune*. He is also handed an extreme sort of journalistic challenge one friend morning — a "human interest sidebar" about a black man on death row due to die in half a day despite his patently unsafe conviction.

Eastwood disdains histrionics either in acting or directing. He does both here and manages to create a surprisingly nuanced newspaperman despite the grim private life the script hands him, and the two killer deadlines. The result should be a killer film, but somehow it isn't. If it has barely been going two minutes before Clint (as Steve Everett, looking every one of the actor's 69 years) is making the moves on a 23-year-old cub reporter in a beat-up bar. She wriggles away and is promptly killed in a car crash. After two more minutes Steve is in bed with his City editor's wife.

With another actor this slam-bang establishment of rogue credentials might easily dismiss as cliché, but critics tend to cut Eastwood an unusual amount of slack because he remains one of the most watchable men in the business. He is also an ageing giant willing to mock his own mortality, while Redford and Pacino conspicuously refuse.

Even so, his efforts to seem flawed are disingenuous. Barley on his editor-in-chief calls his character "a real died-in-the-wool son of a bitch." This is not true. Janet Maslin in *The New York Times* called his performance his "most quietly poignant since *Perfect World*". Not really true either. The fact



is seldom has an old lecher made brazen adultery and the destruction of his family seem such innocent fun.

Eastwood has spent most of the 1990s masterfully adapting the uncompromising *Dirty Harry* heroism that made him a megastar to suit his advancing years. It began with the reformed gunman of *Unforgiven* who had an uncomfortable way of falling off his horse and became explicit three years ago in *Absolute Power*, in which he directed himself as a cat burglar with a membership card for the American Association of Retired Persons.

But we should not be duped. Beneath the pleasant self-deprecation and the increasingly grandfatherly looks lurks the same white knight in shining armour. Anyone in doubt need only watch him in *True Crime*, tearing apart an entire death penalty conviction in an afternoon. We see him lining up the facts on quick visits to the crime scene and the chief prosecution witness. Then, in one of the film's best scenes, he goes to death row at San Quentin state prison to conduct a prearranged interview with the condemned man. On the way in a guard warns him that prisoners tend to lie, and Clint — sorry, Steve — shoots back: "Everyone lies, pal. I'm just here to write it down." The thrill the line imparts makes it clear this is just his new way of saying "Make my day".

**O**nside the prison, Eastwood has rendered his locations with a convincing mix of pathos and wry humour. The heavily black suburb of Richmond is one of the more godforsaken spots in Clintonian America and he knows it well, having grown up just down the road. Inside, there are heartrending scenes as inmate Frank Beaucham's final hours tick away and he ropes with the remorseless logistics of state-sanctioned killing: the farewells, the final meal, the arrival of the priest.

But there is also a strong sense that the most horrific ritual in American life is being exploited for a couple of hours' entertainment. This queasy-making tone is partly justified by current events — the almost casual acceptance of the death penalty that last year brought an innocent man to within 48 hours of being executed in Illinois, and has probably killed others who were as innocent but not so lucky.

In the end, as Kenneth



America's favourite new movies: top, Clint Eastwood and Isaiah Washington on death row in *True Crime*; above, Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck talk weddings in *Forces of Nature*

Turton writes in the *Los Angeles Times*: this film is "caught between two stools, not involving enough emotionally to make up for its lack of overriding tension".

At the opposite end of the se

riousness scale, the weekend's surprise box-office winner was a charming and unpredictable romance starring Ben Affleck and Sandra Bullock. *Forces of Nature* was rubbish in some quarters as high-concept casting in search of a plot, and embraced in others as the perfect thinking person's sex comedy. In fact there isn't much sex, but there is a far more inventive performance than we had a right to expect from Bullock, and quirky direction from Bronwen Hughes (*Harris the Spy*) that suggests DreamWorks may at last be living up to its promise to mix

art with its commerce. The deadline here is marriage: Affleck plays a young groom in search of himself on his way south from New York to get hitched. The ending is as unsatisfactory as *True Crime's*, but on the journey there the amiable hunk from *Good Will Hunting* is as continuously worth watching as Eastwood. It will be interesting to see if he still is in 40 years.

## US WEEKEND BOX-OFFICE TAKINGS AND ANALYSIS

1 (1) <i>Forces of Nature</i> (DreamWorks)	\$12.9m*
2 (13) <i>Analyze This</i> (Warner Bros)	\$11.6m/\$39.9m
3 (2) <i>True Crime</i> (Warner Bros)	\$5.3m*
4 (5) <i>Baby Geschenke</i> (MStar Pictures)	\$4.5m/\$5.8m
5 (3) <i>Cool Intentions</i> (Columbia)	\$4.2m/\$23.4m
6 (7) <i>The King and I</i> (Warner Bros)	\$4.1m*
7 (2) <i>The Eagle, Called 2 GM</i>	\$3.8m/\$7.1m
8 (1) <i>Forces of Nature</i> (New Line)	\$3.6m*
9 (12) <i>Shakespeare in Love</i> (Miramax)	\$2.8m/\$88.9m
10 (6) <i>The Deep End of the Ocean</i> (Columbia)	\$2.7m/\$5.6m

\*First amount is estimated weekend takings, March 19-21. Second amount is total takings to March 15. Figure in brackets indicates last week's position

• *Forces of Nature*, a screwball road comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck, came in at the No 1 slot in the American box office this week. Robert De Niro holds down the No 2 position with his Mafia comedy *Analyze This*. Clint Eastwood's thriller *True Crime* is third.

## Sublime introspection

**A**s principal conductor of the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester, Kent Nagano has conducted far less Bruckner than Mahler — presumably because he feels he has a closer temperamental affinity with the latter composer. Most of us do. But Bruckner too was capable of indulging in introspection and even, in spite of his faith in God and the Symphony, of feeling very sorry for himself. The third movement of the unfinished Ninth Symphony in D minor is a clear case of a regretful farewell and, as Nagano and

to realising its emotional implications. A conductor can go too far, of course, in emphasising the sighs in the wide intervals of the main theme and the pain in its chromatic inflections but this was something that, with his usual stylistic discrimination, Nagano avoided. At the same time, even so, he left no doubt as to the bereft mood which inspired it. Indeed, he was at his best here, securing the immediate response while sustaining the continuity and working towards an ending that — although, with the fourth movement already sketched, Bruckner never intended it as an ending — attains an area of E major serenity sublimely remote from the D minor reality in which the work begins.

The first movement, too, gained something from an approach that, although not actually impatient, was more than just a matter of long-term restraint and a conviction that the building blocks will in due course fall into place. It was more spontaneous than that, melodically and texturally more indulgent. In the scherzo, though in this case with some loss of character, the anger of the outer sections was somehow reduced and the charm of the middle section much enhanced.

Since it was a Haydn performance that, among other things, secured Nagano's appointment to the Hallé nine or ten years ago, it was interesting to hear him, as he approaches the end of his term in Manchester, conduct Haydn again in the Symphony No 102 in B flat. It might not have been as fresh an interpretation as that original one, but the work was well chosen as a partner to the Bruckner and most stylishly done.

GERALD LARNER

## A power to surprise

**S**ome pieces of music have the power to surprise. Some don't. Some do it once, some do it twice, some do it every time you hear them. Some do it in a way that's unexpected, some do it in a way that's predictable. Some do it in a way that's beautiful, some do it in a way that's ugly. Some do it in a way that's inspiring, some do it in a way that's depressing. Some do it in a way that's funny, some do it in a way that's serious. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate. Some do it in a way that's dramatic, some do it in a way that's lyrical. Some do it in a way that's energetic, some do it in a way that's peaceful. Some do it in a way that's exciting, some do it in a way that's calm. Some do it in a way that's powerful, some do it in a way that's delicate

**LISTINGS**

A.C.P. Taylor revival

**RECOMMENDED TODAY**

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargre

**LONDON**

**GOOD C.P. TAYLOR'S** best play, tracing a liberal professor's gradual descent into working with the Nazis. Charles Dance heads a strong cast. Michael Grandage directs. Donmar Warehouse 0171-389 7322. Opens tonight, 7.30pm. £5.

**ENEMIES**, Isaac Bashevis Singer's story of a Holocaust survivor in New York who is forced to work for the Gestapo and becomes a Nazi himself. First written as a play, then a novel, now a play again. John Wright directs. Young Vic Studio 0171-828 6688. Opens tonight, 7.45pm. £5.

**LOTARIO**: The 22nd London Handel Festival gathers speed with a staging tonight, 7pm) by the London Royal Choral Society. The festival's final Society of the Baroque composer's dramatic opera, Denys Darlow and Paul Nicholson take turns with the basso, Robert Chater sings tenor. Tickets £15-£25. Royal College of Music. Tickets from London Handel Festival (0181-336699).

**Mozart and Salieri**: Nicholas Kramer conducts the City of London Sinfonia and the Jovial Company of Singers in a semi-staged production of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* and Rossini's *Pussini's Story*. The concert's second half features Mozart's Requiem. Barbican 0171-638 8891. Tonight, 7.30pm. £5.

**ELSEWHERE**

**BIRMINGHAM**: Welsh National Opera's spring visit opens with Peter Grimes and Semele. Orlando is the doomed lover. Oliver 0171-492 3000. £5.

**GROSS INDECENCY**: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde. Michael Parry plays Wilde, with William Heyland and Francis Ginter counsel for the defence. In Macbeth's play, Gleekzat (0171-494 5025).

**A LOVELY SUNDAY FOR CREVE COEUR**: Late Tennessee Williams play where four thirtysomething women do and don't want to go for a walk. Jenny Sealey directs for Green Room. 7.30pm. £5.

**LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT**: Set in a future transformed by the vast city of Heathrow four ordinary people try to cope. Dominic Hill directs new Jane Coker play. Orange Tree (0181-940 3633). £5.

**SNAKE**: Interesting-sounding play by Ronia Munro, snaking round the



Richard Alston and his company visit Norwich

Hippodrome 0122-822 7488.

**NORWICH**: Richard Alston's extensive tour reaches its penultimate destination with three of the choreographer's finest creations. The two dances will be followed by a short break before Puskin's story. The concert's second half features Mozart's Requiem. Barbican 0171-638 8891. Tonight, 7.30pm. £5.

**SHEFFIELD**: PN Wilmot directs Angels in America (part one), Tony Kushner's celebrated vision of a nation torn apart by AIDS, homophobia, comprising guilt, treachery, dreams, laughter, even an angel. Crucible Studio 0114 2769820. £5. Opens tonight, 7.15pm.

**NEW WEST END SHOWS**

Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only ■ Some seats available □ Seats at all prices

**TROILUS AND CRESSIDA**: Trevor Nunn and John Card direct black trojans and white Greeks, with Peter Hall as Troilus and Orlando as the doomed lovers. Oliver 0171-492 3000. £5.

**GROSS INDECENCY**: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde. Michael Parry plays Wilde, with William Heyland and Francis Ginter counsel for the defence. In Macbeth's play, Gleekzat (0171-494 5025).

**A LOVELY SUNDAY FOR CREVE COEUR**: Late Tennessee Williams play where four thirtysomething women do and don't want to go for a walk. Jenny Sealey directs for Green Room. 7.30pm. £5.

**LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT**: Set in a future transformed by the vast city of Heathrow four ordinary people try to cope. Dominic Hill directs new Jane Coker play. Orange Tree (0181-940 3633). £5.

**SNAKE**: Interesting-sounding play by Ronia Munro, snaking round the

**FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE**

James Christopher's choice of the latest movies

**NEW RELEASES**

**ARLINGTON ROAD** (15): Notwithstanding the film's with a magnificent performance by Jeff Bridges as a paranoid professor who thinks his neighbour, Tim Robbins, is aatching a terrorist conspiracy. Mark Pennington directs.

**WAKING NED** (PG): It's London: Castleford & em in the village in the 1920s. Ned Kelly, the man in charge of a winning lottery ticket. With Ian Bannen and David Kelly. Kirk Jones directs.

**SEUL CONTRE TOUS (I STAND ALONE)** (18): Brutal, stomach-churning voyage through a French butcher's life depicted in public and private monuments in Gaspar Noé's gory, rhythmic experiment.

**A NIGHT AT THE HORSEY** (18): Will Ferrell and Chad Kasper, also the Butz brothers, are routinely kneed in the groin by girls with big cleavages. A wild, nuttily comedy from John Goodman.

**SOUTHPAW** (15): Gripping tale about Ireland's last traveller boxing champ, Francis Brown, who comes home to earn a career on the streets to the Albany Olympics. Liam Neeson directs.

**CURRENT**

**PATCH ADAMS** (12): Robin Williams stars in this medical movie about a doctor who wants to cure the world with laughter. Director Tom Shadyac extracts an obscene amount of sentiment with little aesthetic.

**PEASANTVILLE** (12): Ingenious spoof of American family values. Two drunks in 1950s New York get stuck into a muck-and-mess 1990s TV soap. Great performances from Tobey Maguire, Jeff Daniels and Rosanna Arquette.

**BELOVED** (18): Oprah Winfrey is surprisingly powerful as a runaway slave haunted by poltergeists, lynching mobs, and her own mother. Director Steven Spielberg has made a film, however, to let the reading heart of Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize winner.

**THE THIN RED LINE** (12): A gripping tale of American soldiers lost their sanity in the South Pacific during the Second World War. Terrence Malick's artistic masterpiece stars Sean Penn, Jim Caviezel, Ben Chaplin, Nick Nolte.

**YOU'VE GOT MAIL** (PG): Bully-proof romantic blockbuster with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. They're in love on the internet. Written and directed by Nora Ephron.

# Old ham can still cut the mustard

Richard Alston and his company visit Norwich

Hippodrome 0122-822 7488.

Tonight Sat, 7.30pm.

MEAT LOAF

DUBLIN

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

PN Wilmot directs

Angels in America (part one), Tony

Kushner's celebrated vision of

a nation torn apart by AIDS,

homophobia, comprising guilt,

treachery, dreams,

laughter, even an angel.

Crucible Studio 0114 2769820.

£5.

OPENS

tonight.

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

Wilde.

Sheffield

7.30pm.

£5.

SHEFFIELD

P. Wilmot

The Three Trials of Oscar

## LAW

## The barrister who had an instinct for fairness

Peter Duffy, QC, stood out for his essential decency in a profession with more than its fair share of cynical, unreasonable and selfish characters. His death earlier this month, at the appallingly premature age of 44 after a battle against cancer, has deprived the legal system of one of the most effective advocates for human rights. He leaves a wife and three young children.

Peter's advocacy had many admirable qualities. It was authoritative, being based on a complete command of international legal materials. It was balanced, avoiding hyperbole and responding to the strengths of competing arguments. It was sensitive to the concerns of his clients.

He was a formidable opponent, a valuable ally in court or in a conference, and a barrister on whose submissions judges knew they could rely, whether he was representing applicants or government departments.

In the past few years he appeared in

many leading human rights disputes. He acted for homosexual servicemen and women fighting their exclusion from the Armed Forces. He represented Diane Blood in the case about using the sperm of her dead husband. He spoke for sadomasochists, transsexuals and Gypsies in their respective disputes in the European Court of Human Rights.

He was briefed for Amnesty in the Pinochet extradition case; and (three weeks before his death) he intervened in the House of Lords on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in relation to the scope of the Geneva Convention on Refugees. Opposing counsel, as well as judges, were educated by his submissions.

No body who was there will forget the force of his successful argument in the European Commission of Human Rights criticising the law that made it a criminal offence for 16 and 17-year-old homosexual males to have a sexual relationship with a consenting partner. It

was as a result of the commission's decision, accepting Peter's submissions, that the Government announced proposals (now before Parliament) to liberalise the law.

He will be particularly missed on May 18, when the European Court hears argument on whether the ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces is a breach of the right to private life guaranteed by Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

What characterised his career and made him a model for all advocates was an instinct for fairness, or more accurately a distaste for unfairness. As he explained in his 1997 Stonewall Lecture, it is incumbent on all of us to treat other



David  
Cannick QC

people "with respect in accordance with the true understandings of the principles of equality". He gave freely of his time and skills to those who could not afford to pay fees — as well as earning large sums from wealthy clients who wanted to benefit from his expertise. He had, incidentally, an encyclopedic knowledge of the hotels and restaurants in Strasbourg.

The loss to the legal system is especially significant as international human rights instruments — his area of expertise — become of central importance to the interpretation and application of domestic law.

The Human Rights Act 1998 will be

brought into force soon, probably next year. It will incorporate the European Convention into our law, so making relevant the decisions of the European Court and the judgments of constitutional courts of other jurisdictions. Barristers and judges will need all the guidance they can find on what are, to most of them, novel principles that are going to permeate all branches of our legal system, from criminal procedure to planning policy.

**H**e is not only understood, but believed in, the core values of the European Convention that occupied so much of his professional life. As the European Court has explained, a democratic society cannot exist without pluralism and tolerance, the rule of law, access to the courts and freedom of political debate. The convention is designed to guarantee rights that are not theoretical, but practical and effective.

A fair balance must be struck between

the rights of the individual and the demands of the general interests of the community.

The principle of proportionality requires a reasonable relationship to be maintained between the means employed by the State and the legitimate objectives that it is pursuing.

In arguing for, and living by, these values, Peter was a credit to the Bar. A busy and ambitious profession sometimes forgets that there are greater tragedies than having your submissions rejected by the judge, or being told that a solicitor will not agree as high a brief fee as you had hoped to receive. It is a mark of the considerable respect and affection for Peter Duffy, QC, and the widespread recognition of what the legal system still had to learn from him, that his death occasioned so strong a sense of loss by so many.

• The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford

PICTURES: REUTERS/MERCURY PRESS/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

# Why children under 14 should not be tried as adults

The Strasbourg ruling on the Bulger case highlights the need to reform juvenile sentencing, says Allan Levy

**H**ow should society deal with children who kill? Last week's ruling by the European Commission of Human Rights in the case of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables — now going to the European Court of Human Rights — is likely to lead eventually to a radical reconsideration by the Government of the way we sentence children in the criminal courts.

And it is almost certain that the Home Secretary will be forced to abandon his role in the sentencing process.

The hanging of children who kill was abolished by the Children Act of 1908, which brought in the sentence of detention during Her Majesty's pleasure.

Since then, we seem to have lost our way. The chief issues raised at Strasbourg concern the procedure adopted at the trial of the two boys, which was held in an adult court — Preston Crown Court — in November 1993; the nature of the sentences imposed, the role played by the Home Secretary in fixing the "tariff" part of the sentences (for punishment and deterrence) and the availability of review procedures concerning the continuation of their detention.

The majority view of the European Commission of Human Rights, which carried out a sifting process in respect of the boys' applications, was

that the trial was unfair — and therefore in breach of Article 6 of the Convention — because the boys, then aged 11, were subjected to a "severely intimidating procedure" by the public trial with attendant publicity. Their ability to participate was seriously affected.

The commission also criticised the sentencing procedure. It found that, after conviction, the fixing of the tariff was a sentencing exercise and that the Home Secretary, as a politician, could not be regarded as an "independent and impartial tribunal" to comply with Article 6.

Lastly, a breach of Article 5 was found in that in the five years since the indeterminate sentences were passed, no review of the lawfulness of the detention by a judicial body was sought.

The one British judge, Mr Justice Bratza (sitting with 14 other commission judges), voted with the majority in favour of the boys on each of the issues. He accepted that with in the constraints of the criminal trial in public, all possible steps were taken by the trial judge in Preston to make allowances for the fact that the two defendants were only 11.

But Mr Justice Bratza's view

was that a fair trial within the meaning of Article 6 was inconsistent with subjecting a child to the full rigours of an adult, public trial.

This trend within the past few years for children to be treated as adults in some parts of the criminal justice system is disturbing. The Howard League for Penal Reform, in its report *Protecting the Rights of Children*, published last week, notes that the thrust of many recent legislative changes regarding children negates their immaturity and considers them as if they were adults.

The removal, for example, of the protection given by the doctrine of *doli incapax* for children aged between 10 and 14 the prosecution formerly had to prove not only the offence alleged but also that what he or she had done was seriously wrong puts the child from the age of 10 in the same position as an adult in respect of criminal intent and understanding.

Although Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has said that there will be no changes in the present system and that the Government will argue matters fully in the forthcoming

European Court of Human Rights hearing, it is time to consider reforms that are long overdue.

The 1996 Justice Report *Children and Homicide* recommended that those under the age of 14 accused of homicide (an offence to cover both murder and manslaughter) or other serious offences should be tried in private to protect their identities and that only the facts of the case and, where there was a conviction, the sentences should be made public.

**T**he cases should be heard by a specially convened panel of a judge and two magistrates who have relevant experience and training. The court should have a wide sentencing discretion. A more fundamental reform would be to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14 years to bring it into line with that of most other European countries.

• The author is a QC and specialist in child and human rights law. E-mail: lawpage@the-times.co.uk

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, may take some comfort from the law lords' ruling tomorrow on the General Pinochet extradition case. The seven law lords are expected to uphold his reasoning on what crimes are extraditable in law, and to exclude those crimes before 1988. Even though they will rule he must be extradited on remaining crimes, the case to send him for trial to Spain is much weakened.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, may take some comfort from the law lords' ruling tomorrow on the General Pinochet extradition case. The seven law lords are expected to uphold his reasoning on what crimes are extraditable in law, and to exclude those crimes before 1988. Even though they will rule he must be extradited on remaining crimes, the case to send him for trial to Spain is much weakened.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, may take some comfort from the law lords' ruling tomorrow on the General Pinochet extradition case. The seven law lords are expected to uphold his reasoning on what crimes are extraditable in law, and to exclude those crimes before 1988. Even though they will rule he must be extradited on remaining crimes, the case to send him for trial to Spain is much weakened.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

□ MEANWHILE, Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has released figures which support the long-held belief that many

QC's earn too much in private practice to consider becoming judges. Of the 31 QCs asked by the Lord Chancellor's Department if they would accept an appointment to the High Court Bench over the past four years, 20 rejected the approach, although eight changed their minds. The figures, in response to a question from Mr Dismore, also show the practice of making informal approaches to be in decline since the decision in 1997 by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, to advertise all High Court vacancies. While 14 silks were approached in 1996, just two were sounded out last year.

</



THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

LAW 41

# The risk that faces frontline lawyers

The danger for those working on human rights is becoming linked to a cause, says Frances Gibb

**T**here was widespread condemnation last week of the murder of Rosemary Nelson as a direct result of her professional work as a defence lawyer for republicans in Northern Ireland.

Mrs Nelson had regularly received death threats and reported them to the authorities; such threats are commonplace for lawyers who work at the front line of sensitive human rights and political cases. It is work that requires a particular brand of courage: in a report last year, the United Nations said only some 20 of Ulster's 1,400 solicitors would routinely defend clients in "politically sensitive" cases.

Last week they were underlined. Peter Madden, a Belfast human rights lawyer now representing families in the Bloody Sunday inquiry, says Mrs Nelson's death was an outrage. "It's also very sad when you think that she was the only woman in Lurgan to open her own practice, and then to balance her work with home and young children." He, and groups such as the British-Irish Rights Watch, argue that it is hard for lawyers in such circumstances to obtain protection. Mrs Nelson had received alleged death threats from the RUC; then she was killed by loyalists. In such cases lawyers have no confidence in seeking protection from the RUC.

A similar fate befell Mr Madden's professional partner, Patrick McGuane, murdered ten years ago in front of his family. Such acts aimed pre-

vent people who have suffered human rights abuses from getting the legal help they need. Mr Madden says:

There is heightened anxiety, but lawyers will carry on. Such work means extra precautions and vigilance. The legal profession is not routinely associated with danger. Criminal lawyers handling cases of big-league organised crime are not unused to threats; even divorce lawyers sometimes receive aggressive and abusive letters from the spouse of their client. But few expect to put their lives on the line for their work.

Alan Burnside, the spokesman for the Law Society in Northern Ireland, which represents some 480 law firms, says the dangers must not be exaggerated. "Solicitors are not crouching behind their desks here. It is a very small number of firms doing this kind of work. The murder of Mrs Nelson was not an attack on the legal profession so much as an attempt to destabilise the peace process."

Worldwide, though, risks for lawyers are rising. A report in 1997 covering 49 countries carried the case against the Kenyan lawyer Juma Kimutai, whose plea was withdrawn recently, and three people have been detained on charges of murdering the Colombian lawyer Eduardo Umana Mendoza. But its work goes on. It has just protested to Mohiz Abdullah, Attorney-General of Malaysia, over the jail sentence faced by the lawyer Zainur Zakaria, representing Anwar Ibrahim. This week a letter went



Rosemary Nelson: killed in a bomb attack

half of misreated lawyers in 27 countries, reports that attacks on judges and lawyers have doubled in the past three years.

**I**t has had some success: the case against the Kenyan lawyer Juma Kimutai, whose plea was withdrawn recently, and three people have been detained on charges of murdering the Colombian lawyer Eduardo Umana Mendoza. But its work goes on. It has just protested to Mohiz Abdullah, Attorney-General of Malaysia, over the jail sentence faced by the lawyer Zainur Zakaria, representing Anwar Ibrahim. This week a letter went

to President Demirel of Turkey over the treatment of lawyers acting for Abdullah Ocalan.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, the institute's co-chairman, says dangers arise when people identify a lawyer with his client's cause. "Lawyers in many parts of the world are in the front line in upholding civil liberties. Sometimes government agencies themselves are involved. We tend to take it for granted that you can carry on your practice without interference, being bugged, having files stolen, being locked up for contempt of court, not subject to death threats. But these are real pressures which some lawyers work under."

TO ADVERTISE CALL  
0171 680 6828

## LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

FAX:  
0171 782 7899

**CONSTRUCTION/PROJECTS** 2-3 Years' PQE  
This team of 4 partners, 7 assistants and 2 paralegals covering all aspects of construction, engineering and projects require two new assistants, one non-contentious and one with contentious experience (ideally including some arbitration). The non-contentious role includes PFI/Projects (both domestic and international) as well as property development work. Ref: 7882. Contact: Peter Goulds.

**INSOLVENCY** 4-6 Years' PQE  
Now in the second phase of the firm's London office expansion, this US/UK firm has already recruited a number of leading young insolvency and Corporate Recovery lawyers. As a senior assistant, you must have first rate technical skills and enjoy international work and marketing. Outstanding salary with prospects for partnership in approximately one year of the senior end. Ref: 5312. Contact: Peter Goulds.

**ENERGY/PROJECTS** Partner Designate  
Vacancy in projects group of City based banking firm. Role involves advising Eastern European countries on fuel supply, privatisation, concession and power purchase agreements. A list of example projects is available on request. Varied role encompassing both the construction and finance aspects of projects. Ref: 5242. Contact: Alan Martin.

**PRIVATE CLIENT** 2-5 Years' PQE  
This is one of the largest and most respected private client departments in the UK. Specialisms include off shore inheritance work and contentious trust issues. The firm is West End with circa 70 partners, 9 of whom work in private client. Clients include many well known names, including Royals. Ref: 5062. Contact: Alan Martin.

**IP LITIGATION - CITY** Junior Partner  
This specialist hi-tech firm has gained new reviews in the legal press and succeeded in capturing some of the top US and UK blue chips as clients. They offer immediate partnership to an IP litigator to handle software, copyright and TM disputes. This immensely profitable firm pays above the City norm. Ref: 5462. Contact: Scott Gillies.

**CORPORATE/BANKING** Partners  
Following a major cash injection the newly merged corporate and finance department of this major international firm has seen exponential growth this year and now offers two further immediate partnerships in banking and corporate. You are promised the highest quality work for international clients. Ref: 5050. Contact: Scott Gillies.

**ENVIRONMENT** 2-5 Years' PQE  
It is not every day that an opportunity arises to join one of the premier environmental practices in the City. Due to an ever increasing flow of work, the highly respected team of 7 seeks a further lawyer with excellent transactional experience and, preferably, a knowledge of EU environmental law. You will be hard-pressed to get better quality work. Ref: 5255. Contact: Pauline Gadsden.

**PROPERTY** 4-5 Years' PQE  
This is one of the medium-sized City firms with one of the strongest reputations in the property field but also stands out from the rest by having a young, entrepreneurial and fun culture. The team spirit of the c50+ sees 2 further lawyers to handle all aspects of property investment and dealing, development projects, management, landlord and tenant etc. Ref: 5052. Contact: Pauline Gadsden.

**SUMMER '99 QUALIFIERS** £33,000-£39,000  
If you are unsure of your position on qualifying or merely in need of straightforward and informed career advice, please feel free to give us a call. We have new HQ instructions in the areas of - media, telecoms, IP/T, litigation, employment, tax, insolvency, property, projects, corporate, banking, asset finance and EC competition. Ref: 5350. Contact: Jane Glassberg.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** 2-3 Years' PQE  
With a renowned reputation for the superb quality of its work and service, the substantial 32 partner property department primarily acts for landlords, developers and public authorities on all aspects of commercial property work. One of the groups seeks a very competent and bright mid-level assistant with impressive academic and experience. Ref: 5351. Contact: Jane Glassberg.

**M & A (Energy) - IN-HOUSE** S.E. England  
Innovative and profitable energy company with an established reputation for excellence and diversification requires an M & A Lawyer (2-5 years' ppe) - energy experience not essential but European work would be an advantage. The legal department is very well resourced and is committed to developing its lawyers careers. Good salary and excellent package. Ref: 5352. Contact: Richard Green.

**TELECOMS - IN-HOUSE** London  
Excellent position with a "blue-chip" company offering a range of telecoms work of the highest quality. The opportunity will allow you to build on your previous telecoms experience (2-5 years' ppe) in a supportive and well resourced environment. Competitive salary and package. Ref: 5057. Contact: Richard Green.

**BANKING** Investment Bank  
This position would be an ideal first move in-house for a 2-3 year qualified solicitor in a major law firm's banking department. The role is wide-ranging and will include syndicated lending, structured finance (including trade and project finance), derivatives and property finance as well as an array of more general matters. Ref: 5020. Contact: Pauline Gadsden.

**RISK MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL** Investment Bank  
An important subsidiary of a worldwide banking group seeks a new lawyer for its small London legal team. The role is wide ranging and involves banking matters (including derivatives and/or securitisations documentation), company/commercial and overseas litigation. A 5-9 year qualified lawyer will be given a high level of responsibility and will be paid accordingly. Ref: 5222. Contact: Pauline Gadsden.

**PRINCIPAL FINANCE** Investment Bank  
The principal finance team of a major international house is seeking a lawyer with 4-6 years' experience at a quality firm or investment bank of heavyweight corporate transactions in partnerships and acquisitions and venture capital work. This is a front office role. To £30,000+ bonus+bonus. Ref: 5447. Contact: Tonya Almond.

**CORPORATE FINANCE LAWYER** Investment Bank  
This leading international house requires a junior corporate finance lawyer either from a top ten City firm or other investment bank for its expanding corporate finance department. You will be 4-6 years' qualified and have the ability to work in French. £70,000+ bonus+bonus. Ref: 5050. Contact: Tonya Almond.

**Hughes-Castell**

International Legal Recruitment Consultants  
London Office: 87 Chancery Lane, London WC1A 1BD. Tel: 0171 242 0303 Fax: 0171 242 7111  
Hong Kong Office: 701 and 702 East Town Building, 41 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.  
New York • Chicago • Boston • Atlanta • San Francisco • Palo Alto • Sydney • Melbourne • Brisbane • Wellington

TRY A CAREER THAT ISN'T LEGAL  
Progressive company looking to expand, following highly successful recent growth in trading, sales & products, seek 2-4-5, or 6-7 years of sound professional experience to be exposed to the highest standards with aim of full profit participation within 2-3 years. Call: Mrs Corinne McGinn, 0171 578 7442

**LAW REVISION COURSES**  
Contract - Tort - Land - Crime - Trust - Public - EU  
13 April - 11 June 1999  
LTS Tutorials London  
Tel: 0181 764 7075  
Book Direct: www.lts-tutorials.com  
0171 578 7442

**ESSEX COURT**  
first class  
www.essexcourt.co.uk

**PROACTIVE SOLICITOR**  
Solicitor (1984), MBA (1990). Executive International and domestic commercial and litigation attorney. PC fluent. Currently working abroad. Seeking to return to UK (full time managerial role, preferably in House).  
Send CV to:  
25 Mount Street, London W1  
Email: TIGI 123  
or E-mail: tigibeth@btconnect.com

**WIGG & CO**  
Law note drafting company based in Finsbury Square, London. Representing individuals, legal corporations and international organisations to join their ranks.  
Send CV to:  
25 Mount Street, London W1  
Email: TIGI 123  
or E-mail: tigibeth@btconnect.com

### PLC Publications

We are an expanding legal publishing house with an unrivalled reputation for high-quality publications, conferences and training. We are seeking a Researcher/Journalist REF: JC

to work on European Counsel magazine's special industry reports. You will be working with a team researching the legal markets worldwide. Previous journalistic experience not required, but the ideal candidate will have a legal qualification.

Please reply to Josephine Carr

### LOVELL WHITE DURRANT

#### Corporate Banking Lawyer

Loevl White Durrant is one of the largest international law firms with real strength in depth across a wide range of specialist practice areas.

We are seeking to recruit an Indian qualified lawyer, with experience of the foreign investment approval process in India, to assist in the development of our Indian corporate banking/project finance practice. Candidate should ideally hold a further degree in international commercial law. Knowledge of an Indian language and Indian culture would be highly advantageous.

If you wish to be considered for this position, please write enclosing a curriculum vitae, to: Mrs Corinne Johnson, Personnel Officer, Lovell White Durrant, 65 Holloway Place, London EC1A 2DZ. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 20 April 1999.

Being Brussels Changi Ho Chi Minh City Hong Kong London Moscow  
New York Paris Singapore Tokyo  
www.lovellwhite.durrant.com

# Freedom's flame flickers

Corpus Juris threatens our liberty, argues Michael Shrimpton

**A**fter the resignations at the European Commission last week, there will be a fresh drive to combat fraud within the European Union's administrative machine and beyond. These Commission proposals, known as Corpus Juris, aim to rationalise procedures for prosecuting fraud within the EU. But the document, now likely to be seized on as one answer to the Commission's problems, is more than this. It is a blueprint for rationalising Europe's

criminal space". Article 18 of Corpus Juris provides that "the territory of the member states of the Union constitutes a single legal area".

It is proposed to appoint a European Director of Public Prosecution, and European delegated public prosecutors in each state, who may exercise their powers beyond state borders. The Euro DPP may "request" detention without trial for up to six months, renewable for three months at a time, with no maximum limit. Detention across borders is permitted and European arrest warrants would be valid across the entire EU. Whether the authors of Corpus Juris understood the immense constitutional implications for the UK of their proposals is doubtful, but perhaps the Europeans have never understood our attachment to liberty and the rule of law.

Article 26 indent 1 is perhaps the most controversial, excluding "simple jurors or lay magistrates". Trial by jury would be shut out entirely, as would habeas corpus. Both the European Parliament and the EC, in 1995 a directorate of the EC set up the European Legal Area Project, the same directorate that was implicated in the Euro-sleaze scandal. The project led to a seminar in San Sebastian in Spain on April 17 and 18, 1997, from which emerged Corpus Juris. What would it do? First, it is true that it would "harmonise" criminal prosecutions for fraud against Community funds. But as the documentation makes clear, Corpus Juris has been conceived as "the embryo of a future European Criminal Code". José María Gil-Robles, the President of the European Parliament, has talked of the creation of "a common European judicial

Trial by jury would be shut out entirely, as would habeas corpus

both the European Parliament and the EC. In 1995 a directorate of the EC set up the European Legal Area Project, the same directorate that was implicated in the Euro-sleaze scandal. The project led to a seminar in San Sebastian in Spain on April 17 and 18, 1997, from which emerged Corpus Juris. What would it do? First, it is true that it would "harmonise" criminal prosecutions for fraud against Community funds. But as the documentation makes clear, Corpus Juris has been conceived as "the embryo of a future European Criminal Code". José María Gil-Robles, the President of the European Parliament, has talked of the creation of "a common European judicial

• The author is a barrister and specialist in constitutional and administrative law.

### THE TIMES/JUSTICE AWARDS 1999

The awards are open to lawyers, non-lawyers, organisations and individuals. Self-nomination is not permitted. Nominations are to be made by returning the completed coupon to Justice by Monday March 30 1999, attaching a summary of the nominee's work, plus your statement of no more than 200 words on why you think the work has been important.

#### NOMINATION FOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATED BY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATION FOR YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATED BY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATION FOR ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

BT is a leading force in the dynamic worldwide telecommunications, information technology and multimedia markets. Continually breaking new ground, BT offers an ever-expanding range of innovative products and services on a global basis.

Due to the increasing demand for in-house legal advice, two new opportunities have been created for commercial lawyers to join BT's legal team. Candidates for both positions are likely to have between three and five years commercial experience gained in-house or in private practice.

#### LONDON- Network Team

Within this team, you would be responsible for advising on a diverse range of commercial issues involved in the operation and maintenance of BT's network. In particular, this will include advising on complex agreements with operators seeking to interconnect with BT's network.

Both roles involve working very closely with commercial colleagues. Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and sound commercial judgement. Experience of the telecoms/IT sector, whilst an advantage, is not essential.

These are challenging opportunities for business minded commercial lawyers keen to develop a long-term career with a world leading company operating in an exciting and rapidly developing sector.

A competitive salary, company car and a comprehensive range of benefits will be offered to the successful candidates.

For further details, in complete confidence, please contact our retained consultant, Struan Hall at Graham Gill & Young, 46 Kingsway, London WC2B 6EN. Tel: 0171 430 1711. Fax: 0171 831 4186.

**GG**  
GRAHAM GILL & YOUNG

TO ADVERTISE CALL  
0171 680 6828

FAX  
0171 782 7899

# LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

## PRIVATE PRACTICE

### BANKING **TO £65,000**

Due to continuing expansion, the banking department at this City practice is seeking exceptional banking lawyers with 2-5 years' ppe. The firm guarantees an interesting diet of work of the highest quality. This is an excellent opportunity to join a focused team which offers full support and encouragement, in which you will have the chance to make an immediate impact. Superb career opportunities and financial package. (Ref. 25094)

### PROPERTY LITIGATION **TO £65,000**

The property litigation team at this "up-and-coming" top City firm continues to gain strength in strength. As a result of an overwhelming increase in new work they are seeking a 2-5 year qualified lawyer with solid property litigation experience, probably gained in a City or regional firm. If you are outgoing and determined to succeed, your career will take off in this terrific working environment. (Ref. 26105)

### CORPORATE TAX **TO £55,000**

The City office of this leading national firm has openings for 4 taxation lawyers, one at 0-2 years' ppe and one at 3-5 years' ppe. There is fantastic quality work on offer and the opportunity to become involved in projects with the firm's other UK offices. More senior candidates should have experience of both contentious and non-contentious work. Outstanding prospects if you have business acumen and good sales skills. (Ref. 26104)

### TRADE MARKS **TO £55,000**

This niche IP practice is looking to consolidate its already very successful practice by bringing on board a specialist trade marks lawyer. With a portfolio of well-known names as clients you can be assured of the highest quality work. You will need to have between 2 and 4 years' ppe. Trade marks work - a strong academic background and a positive self-motivated attitude to put the best in the business. (Ref. 26102)

### CORPORATE **TO £47,000**

The City office of this premier national firm has a strong corporate client base and is now seeking to strengthen its corporate tax capability with the appointment of a lawyer with up to 5 years' ppe experience. You will work closely with all departments in the firm as well as being encouraged to get involved in marketing initiatives. (Ref. 26123)

### PLANNING **TO £60,000**

This major City firm is looking to recruit 2 planning lawyers of exceptional ability, with between 2 and 5 years' ppe. Servicing an enviable client portfolio, the successful candidates will be encouraged to gain hands-on experience and become key players within the department. As part of this winning team you will be able to steer your career until the fast track to success. (Ref. 26104)

### FINANCE **TO £70,000**

This permanent City firm is seeking to build on its well-established finance practice which is fast developing in Italy. Work includes leveraged buy-outs, securitisation, structured lending and project finance. You will have up to 6 years' ppe of financing work in a City firm and be a fluent Italian speaker. Opportunities to travel and work in Italy are also on offer. (Ref. 25314)

### EXCELLENT

This is not a "soft option". This leading international firm, which has one of the most sophisticated professional resources groups in the City, is looking for a self-confident, motivated individual with between 2 and 4 years' ppe of public company and corporate finance work. You will be able to apply your practical experience in a challenging new corner role and you will also be part of an organised and highly regarded team of PSLs at the firm.

### EXCELLENT

This is not a "soft option". This leading international firm, which has one of the most sophisticated professional resources groups in the City, is looking for a self-confident, motivated individual with between 2 and 4 years' ppe of public company and corporate finance work. You will be able to apply your practical experience in a challenging new corner role and you will also be part of an organised and highly regarded team of PSLs at the firm.

[www.zmb.co.uk](http://www.zmb.co.uk)



## Entrepreneurial Lawyers

### London & Teesside

#### Outstanding Remuneration

Voted the most innovative company in the US for the past four years (Fortune Magazine), Enron Corp is one of the largest integrated natural gas and electricity companies in the world with assets of approximately \$23 billion. Our success to date has stemmed from proven market knowledge and a strong physical asset position, together with a highly skilled work force and a flair for innovation.

We are pursuing a progressive and highly successful business strategy across the UK and Europe and as a result positions have now arisen for two lawyers, one to be based in our London headquarters and the other with Enron Teesside Operations, our utilities and services business based at the Wilton International Manufacturing Site in Teesside.

For further information, in complete confidence, in relation to the London position please contact June Marley or Greg Albrecht on 071-405 0302 (pm) 442 0541 (evenings/weekends) and in relation to the Teesside position Graham Massey on 013 323 242 000 (013 321 907 5 evenings/weekends) or write to them at QD In-House Legal, email: [massey@qdggroup.co.uk](mailto:massey@qdggroup.co.uk), [marley@qdggroup.co.uk](mailto:marley@qdggroup.co.uk)

**QD**  
In-House Legal  
37-41 Bedford Row  
London WC1R 4JH  
Tel 0171 405 0302  
Confidential fax: 0171 831 6394  
3rd Floor, Royal Exchange House  
Bull Ring, Leeds LS1 5NS  
Tel: 0113 242 9700  
Confidential fax: 0113 242 3033  
Web: [www.qdggroup.com](http://www.qdggroup.com)

## PATENT ATTORNEY HIGH TECH SECTOR CENTRAL LONDON

**£50,000 to £85,000 + car + bonus (target 20%) + benefits**

Our client is a world leader in networking and data warehousing solutions, and customer transaction processing.

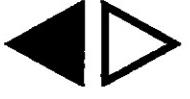
It provides specific solutions to businesses in financial, retail, communications and other industries. Its customers include 6 of the world's top retailers, 75% of the world's major banks and 7 out of the 9 biggest telecommunications companies.

There is now an excellent opportunity for a Patent Attorney to join a small dynamic patent department based in central London. The department handles a worldwide portfolio and plays a vital role within the company. Your task will be to help create a competitive advantage, interfacing directly with leading edge research and development personnel, and sharing the responsibility for the management of patents.

A European or US qualified Patent Attorney, you will be capable of handling software and electromechanical inventions. You should be a highly motivated, client focused individual keen to undertake a non desk bound role involving a good deal of freedom and autonomy but combined with management support. This is an outstanding opportunity involving shaping and protecting thought leadership in a global company with world class credentials.

An excellent salary and benefit package is on offer.

Please contact Laurence Simons personally, quoting reference 4143, at Laurence Simons International at the address below. All approaches will be treated in strict confidence.



**LAURENCE SIMONS**  
International Legal Recruitment  
Professional, Proactive and Personal

Craven House, 121 Kingsway, London WC2B 6PA, Tel + 44 (0)171 831 3270, Fax + 44 (0)171 831 4429

Evenings (after 7pm)/Weekends Tel: +44 (0)171 428 9784

E-mail: [laurence@laurencesimons.demon.co.uk](mailto:laurence@laurencesimons.demon.co.uk)

## WOOLF

2 Temple Gardens - Chambers of Dermot O'Brien Q.C.

See our website  
(now updated for the latest changes)



We are continuing to provide free seminars to litigation solicitors in conjunction with Sweet & Maxwell

<http://www.2templegardens.co.uk>

Contact: Tim 0171 583 6841; fax: 0171 583 2094  
[clerk@2templegardens.co.uk](mailto:clerk@2templegardens.co.uk)

Marketing and Client Liaison

### Team player needed urgently

To help maintain the rapid growth of a business specialising in providing legal and medical reports on accident victims and in offering associated services for the benefit of victims themselves and their families. The person we seek will have knowledge of the law, medicine, or PI work generally; be prepared to travel throughout the UK and have the enthusiasm and ability to introduce the firm's capabilities and benefits to professionals.

Based in the Home Counties, as part of a dynamic, busy, and highly motivated team.

Salary by negotiation depending on experience. Please write with full details of education, career to date, salary expectation, and notice period from current employment approach to [barb@barb10.pvt.sbs](mailto:barb@barb10.pvt.sbs), PO Box 8658, c/o Times Newspapers Ltd., 1 Virgin Street, London E1 8EL.



Brick Court Chambers have recently moved to substantial new premises at 7/8 Essex Street. This has given us the opportunity to expand.

We would welcome applications from barristers of outstanding ability at all levels above three years' practice in both our core areas of practice, commercial law and EU law. We also invite applications from practitioners experienced in human rights law, competition law and public law.

Please apply in confidence to Sarah Goss at the address below.

7/8 Essex Street, London WC2R 3LD  
Tel 0171 379 3550 - Fax 0171 379 3558 - LDE 302  
e-mail: [goss@brickcourt.co.uk](mailto:goss@brickcourt.co.uk)

**Wanted,  
innovators  
who will  
boldly go  
where no one  
has gone  
before.**

Support for marriage and the family is at the heart of the Government's strategy for modernising Britain. But where all attempts to save a marriage have failed mediation, not litigation, may be an option for couples contemplating divorce. As well as keeping the channels of communication open, it has the added advantage of reducing conflict. And by reducing conflict, mediation can help to reduce the financial costs of resolving disputes. At the Legal Aid Board, we are actively recruiting organisations that can provide quality-assured family mediation services. This initiative will be rolled out on an area-by-area basis, with the ultimate aim of providing state-funded mediation to all areas of England and Wales. The management team responsible for masterminding the project is small and self-sufficient, with a culture that is passionately dedicated to boldly going where no one has gone before.

### Team Manager

Working closely with the Project Manager, this is definitely not a job for the faint-hearted and it will certainly stretch all of your management skills. You'll manage the day to day operation of the team, overseeing the negotiation and delivery of supplier contracts, as well as contributing to the strategic direction of the initiative.

A self-starter and people manager who leads from the front, you will need to be financially astute with experience of negotiating large contracts. Analytical and decisive, you will have exceptional influencing and presentation skills and the personal presence to generate trust and enthusiasm for everything that you do. You won't be held back by conventional thinking or restricted by outmoded methods. No stranger to hard work, you will know how important it is to achieve the goals that you've set, whilst always aiming to go that step further.

All of the roles are based in Central London with regular travel throughout England and Wales. This is management at the cutting edge and it calls for a flexible approach to working hours, tolerance of stressful situations and above all a sense of humour. But if you are brave enough to take a step into the unknown, one thing you can be sure of, is the fact that you will be part of a team that genuinely applies the principles of work hard/play hard. Make your bold career move by sending your CV to Liz Geary, Legal Aid Board, 85 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8AA. Fax 0171 613 8632. Closing date for replies 8th April 1999.

### c. £32,000

Your role will be to liaise with providers of mediation services and the legal profession. You will build a level of expertise that will be called upon by people from both within and outside of the Legal Aid Board.

Responsible for your own project areas you will assist mediation services in implementing and meeting the mediation franchise standards of the Legal Aid Board. It will be your responsibility to ensure that the work is completed on schedule and within budget. Experience of change management gained in a results-driven and demanding environment is essential. A talented individual, with a personality that people warm to, you will need outstanding communication and presentation skills as well as proven budgeting and financial expertise.

### Project Consultants

c. £25,000

We are an equal opportunities employer.

**Legal Aid**

**Redbridge**  
PRINCIPAL AND  
SOLICITOR

A leading law firm in the  
Greater London area  
with an excellent  
reputation for  
excellence in  
the provision of  
high quality  
legal services.

SALARIES  
£16K - £25K

£25K - £35K

£35K - £45K

£45K - £55K

£55K - £65K

£65K - £75K

£75K - £85K

£85K - £95K

£95K - £105K

£105K - £115K

£115K - £125K

£125K - £135K

£135K - £145K

£145K - £155K

£155K - £165K

£165K - £175K

£175K - £185K

£185K - £195K

£195K - £205K

£205K - £215K

£215K - £225K

£225K - £235K

£235K - £245K

£245K - £255K

£255K - £265K

£265K - £275K

£275K - £285K

£285K - £295K

£295K - £305K

£305K - £315K

£315K - £325K

£325K - £335K

£335K - £345K

£345K - £355K

£355K - £365K

£365K - £375K

£375K - £385K

£385K - £395K

£395K - £405K

£405K - £415K

£415K - £425K

£425K - £435K

£435K - £445K

0171 782 7828  
TO ADVERTISE CALL  
0171 680 6828

## LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

FAX:  
0171 782 7899

## IN-HOUSE

Sole lawyer Herts

Successful and rapidly expanding international hi-tech company seeks to recruit a Solicitor or Barrister with at least six years' ppe. You will report to the Chief Executive and will be involved in company formations worldwide, acquisitions, employment and litigation management. Candidates should have international legal experience, ideally with a City background, and previous in-house experience. They should have energy and commitment, be commercially minded, have a strong persuasive personality and be computer literate.

## Financial services London

Solicitor with approximately 5 years' general commercial experience to join high calibre legal department of fast growing financial services company. Work will include a broad range of contract, commercial and corporate matters, both in the UK and in Continental Europe. Prior financial experience, though desirable, is not essential. You should be able to manage high value transactions and manage relationships with external lawyers in the UK and overseas. You should also be able to work as a member of various teams, be computer literate and, ideally, fluent in at least one other European language. Contact: Sonya Raynor or Morwenna Lewis

**CHAMBERS**  
PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT

## LONDON/OVERSEAS

## Construction City

Major firm with substantial international construction practice seeks 2-5 yr qual solr for non-contentious and contentious caseload. Young, busy dept with wide range of work including headline cases and major PFI projects.

## Professional support City

We are inundated with positions for professional support lawyers. Specializations include lit, property, corporate, banking, capital markets, employment, pensions, construction, IT and tax. Salaries often match those paid to fee-earners.

## Property partner Holborn

Thriving practice seeks senior solr to inherit broad caseload of mainly comm prop work. Clients include developers, investors & retailers undertaking wide range of transactions including high value portfolio sales and purchases.

## Energy/projects US firm

London office of leading international energy projects practice offers 2-5 year qualified energy/projects solr (with either commercial or finance background) work of highest quality. Outstanding salaries (c. £60-80,000 plus pension and other benefits).

David Woolfson, Paul Thomas, Emma Ridley

Save House, 23 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HL  
Tel: 0171 606 8844 Fax: 0171 600 1793  
e-mail: info@chambersrecruitment.co.uk

## AND THE WINNING JOB IS...

## FINANCE To £120,000

This blue chip US practice is looking for a finance lawyer who wants more regular hours and possibly a part-time position to join their team. The client base is unmatched and the pay structure shows how much emphasis they are putting on this role. Ref: T61738

## FUNDS/VENTURE CAPITAL To £70,000

One of the more interesting practices in London with its strong Anglo-American client. Lawyers at all levels who are interested in doing in a mix of financial services/funds/venture capital work are of great interest, particularly those with two plus years' ppe. Certainly a more unusual route into a US practice. Ref: T60832

## COMMERCIAL LITIGATION To £50,000

Arguably one of the City's most high profile and powerful litigation departments now seeks a number of litigation lawyers of 2-4 years' ppe. You will already be working at a leading City or regional firm, looking for the biggest 'silver' work around. Both domestic and international experience. Ref: T60570

## CORPORATE TAX To £60,000

This top tier City firm has one of the youngest, friendliest and most prestigious corporate tax departments. The work is a real mix - including corporate, property and finance matters. You will be 4+ years qualified seeking a quick track to partnership. Ref: T60593

## CORPORATE/TELECOMS To £50,000

Approachable, professional and successful people stepping away from meetings with this firm have only ever positive things to say. While fairly new to the London scene, the practice in the US and elsewhere shows the future. The IT/telecoms side is a growing market and if you feel stifled by the environment you are in, this is the place to breakout and have more direct input in the practice as a whole. Ref: T60743

## DEFAMATION To £45,000

A rare opportunity not just to join this expanding and dynamic law firm but also to join its well respected defamation team. Ideally you will have relevant experience but if you are able to demonstrate the requisite academic and commercial skills needed for this progressive law firm then there is everything to play for. The work is of top calibre and for some of the country's highest profile names. Ref: T60742

## MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE To £45,000

Rare opportunity at this extremely highly regarded firm to carry out medical negligence work. You will ideally be 6 months to 4 years qualified with top calibre and relevant experience, almost certainly with a recognised name in the field. This firm has a friendly team ethos whilst maintaining a progressive, commercial approach. Excellent opportunity. Ref: T61814

## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY To £70,000

This medium sized practice is one of the truly great names in commercial property work. The work on offer will be big ticket to say the least and will include huge portfolio sales and purchases, complex property financing as well as more regular work. You must be at least 2 years' ppe with entrepreneurial lean. Ref: T20052

## IT To £42,000

An excellent opportunity for go-ahead lawyers 0-3 years' ppe to join the rapidly expanding IT department of this well-known firm. The firm has one of the most highly regarded IT/telecoms practices in the City. NQs must have some relevant experience in training. Ref: T10638

## COMPANY/COMMERCIAL To £47,000

This medium-sized City firm is looking for top calibre lawyers to join the firm's expanding department. Only candidates with an excellent pedigree from top 50 City firms or leading regional practices will be considered. Interesting mix of M&A, corporate finance, joint ventures and commercial diligences. Ref: T60570

## CORPORATE PSL To £70,000

This top tier City firm was one of the first practices to introduce PSLs as playing a key role in the business of law. It now seeks a highly able corporate practitioner wishing to transfer over to PSL related work. You will be at least 2 years' ppe and have had excellent City training. Ref: T60839

## DEFAMATION To £45,000

A rare opportunity not just to join this expanding and dynamic law firm but also to join its well respected defamation team. Ideally you will have relevant experience but if you are able to demonstrate the requisite academic and commercial skills needed for this progressive law firm then there is everything to play for. The work is of top calibre and for some of the country's highest profile names. Ref: T60742

## MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE To £45,000

Rare opportunity at this extremely highly regarded firm to carry out medical negligence work. You will ideally be 6 months to 4 years qualified with top calibre and relevant experience, almost certainly with a recognised name in the field. This firm has a friendly team ethos whilst maintaining a progressive, commercial approach. Excellent opportunity. Ref: T61814

## Preparing for Interviews

Many newly qualified solicitors are heading to attend interviews for the first time since they graduated. Their old techniques should still work well, but they may find the interview more serious. They are now being seen as a source of revenue and as a potential partner.

## One problem for newly qualified solicitors is that the period of time which has often elapsed since they left their training seat in the relevant area of law.

They will have forgotten many of the things they did or the reason why they did them. It's important, therefore, to review for the interview as if it were an exam. Go over your old transactions. Refresh yourself on all the angles. Your interviewer will make no allowances if you've forgotten what you know. When you include a mirror in your CV, you should be ready to discuss it.

Our consultants have produced a guide to writing a CV and preparing for interviews. Please ring Rachel Hamilton on 0171 606 8844 if you would like a copy.

Alfred Charles

Save House, 23 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HL  
Tel: 0171 606 8844 Fax: 0171 600 1793  
e-mail: info@chambersrecruitment.co.uk

**SHOWTIME®**VICE PRESIDENT  
LEGAL & BUSINESS  
AFFAIRS

Showtime is the fastest growing, direct-to-home, digital satellite pay TV service for the Middle East. The Network (a joint media venture between Viacom Inc. and KIPCO) has an 11 channel line-up including Paramount, Nickelodeon, Discovery, MTV, VH-1 and The Movie Channel. The territories covered include the Gulf countries and we have recently expanded into Egypt and North Africa.

We now want to appoint a lawyer to join our management team in the HQ in Oxford Street. We are looking for an energetic person who will embrace the culture of the group and have a real contribution to make to our commercial team. Specifically, your role will include:-

- dealing with all aspects of the acquisition and international distribution of films and other products for TV and package programmed services;
- advising on related advertising and marketing issues and more general commercial/IP matters from talent, to music licensing, agreements;
- the ability to field non-entertainment-related queries (for example employment matters) and support the business as a whole.

To perform the role you will need between 4 and 8 years' post qualified media experience gained in-house or with a leading entertainment law firm. You must also have the strength of personality to negotiate with vigour and take a creative approach to problem-solving.

This is a genuinely rare opportunity for an experienced media lawyer to make their mark with a young, expanding Network backed by one of the world's largest entertainment companies. A highly competitive remuneration package is on offer.

To apply please send your CV to our retained consultants Lizzie Orange or Nick Creed at ZMB Industry, 37 Sun Street, London, EC2M 2PL. Confidential fax 0171 523 3823. E-mail: lizzie.orange@zmbgroup.com. Alternatively call them on 0171 523 1250 (evenings/weekends 0181 740 4108). This assignment is being handled exclusively by ZMB Industry, all direct and third party applications will be forwarded to them. Closing date is 5th April, 1999.

**ZMB**  
INDUSTRY  
THE ZMB GROUP

## AND THE WINNING JOB IS...

## IT To £42,000

One of the more interesting practices in London with its strong Anglo-American client. Lawyers at all levels who are interested in doing in a mix of financial services/funds/venture capital work are of great interest, particularly those with two plus years' ppe. Certainly a more unusual route into a US practice. Ref: T60832

## COMMERCIAL LITIGATION To £50,000

Arguably one of the City's most high profile and powerful litigation departments now seeks a number of litigation lawyers of 2-4 years' ppe. You will already be working at a leading City or regional firm, looking for the biggest 'silver' work around. Both domestic and international experience. Ref: T60570

## CORPORATE TAX To £60,000

This top tier City firm has one of the youngest, friendliest and most prestigious corporate tax departments. The work is a real mix - including corporate, property and finance matters. You will be 4+ years qualified seeking a quick track to partnership. Ref: T60593

## CORPORATE/TELECOMS To £50,000

Approachable, professional and successful people stepping away from meetings with this firm have only ever positive things to say. While fairly new to the London scene, the practice in the US and elsewhere shows the future. The IT/telecoms side is a growing market and if you feel stifled by the environment you are in, this is the place to breakout and have more direct input in the practice as a whole. Ref: T60743

## DEFAMATION To £45,000

A rare opportunity not just to join this expanding and dynamic law firm but also to join its well respected defamation team. Ideally you will have relevant experience but if you are able to demonstrate the requisite academic and commercial skills needed for this progressive law firm then there is everything to play for. The work is of top calibre and for some of the country's highest profile names. Ref: T60742

## MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE To £45,000

Rare opportunity at this extremely highly regarded firm to carry out medical negligence work. You will ideally be 6 months to 4 years qualified with top calibre and relevant experience, almost certainly with a recognised name in the field. This firm has a friendly team ethos whilst maintaining a progressive, commercial approach. Excellent opportunity. Ref: T61814

## In-House • Practice in London

New jobs this week

**BANKRUPTCY** Systs+ London: Leading investment bank seeks lawyer with cross-border bankruptcy/restructuring experience to work on major international projects. Languages a plus. To c.275k.

**PATENTS** M/W & Sted: Leading blue-chip co seeks commercial/patent lawyer to deal with range of technical agreements. High quality work with competitive salary.

**INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS** Systs+ Outstanding opportunity with leading finance house for UK lawyer with Systs+ project/transactional exp to handle portfolios in developing economies. French/Spanish ideal.

**INTERNET/NEW MEDIA** M/W & Sted: Dynamic & fast expanding internet media provider seeks sole charge commercial lawyer with expertise in IT/media to handle web issues. £40-£50k + p.p.

**SOUTH COAST** To c.460k Leading multi-national seeks adaptable, business minded commercial lawyer to handle diverse range of contract, finance, employment & dispute related work. Pe level inc.

**HERTS** (1yr contract) To c.265k Broad based commercial role for experienced lawyer to support marketing department of leading manufacturing co.

**MANCHESTER** To c.230k New role for high-flying division of FTSE100 Co. Commercial lawyer required to deal with a range of contracts, focusing on sales & purchase agreements as sole dedicated lawyer.

**PARIS** 2-6yrs Leading multinationals seeks an international commercial lawyer to handle a diverse commercial/financial workload supporting major UK projects. Spanish/French required.

**TELECOMS/COMMERCIAL** c.2yrs Reading - Commercial/IT lawyer ideally with German/Italian language is sought to join major telecoms co dealing with a wide range of telecoms & general supply contracts.

**CHICHESTER** - Part time To c.27k Day per week sole counsel lawyer to advise expanding technical company. Contract, finance, IP & confidentiality work. Candidate facilities. To c.25k pro-rata.

Please contact: Steven Hall or Helen McAleney (in-House) or Sophie Brooks, Caroline Flah or Jackie Ostdale (London-Practical) on 0171 430 1711 or write to us at Graham Gill & Young Legal Recruitment, 49 Kingsway, London WC2B 8SL. Fax 071 631 4188. E-mail: gg@zmbgroup.co.uk

0171 430 1711

## 1-5 yrs

T.L.

I.T.

N.Q.-2yrs

I.N.S.

E.N.V.

P.R.O.

E.P.

F.I.

C.S.

S.C.

I.M.

G.C.

R.C.

C.R.

C.S.

TO ADVERTISE CALL  
0171 680 6828

## LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

FAX  
0171 782 7000

ALLEN &amp; OVERY

REASSESSING  
**ECCENTRIC.**

TAX LAWYERS - 2 YEARS' PQE AND OVER

The name Allen &amp; Overy speaks for itself.

But our tax department doesn't rely on this alone. We feel we have added attractions.

Clearly you would expect us to be involved with first class, quality work. In some other top City firms you may find yourself limited to just finance related or just corporate related tax work. Not very good for your long term career. In contrast, we'll give you a healthy mix which will include banking, corporate and capital markets tax matters. We actively monitor the allocation of work, so we can be sure you're getting the right balance, and that you're not doing too much (or too little).

Assistants who have joined the Allen & Overy tax department from other firms are happy with their decision, and not only because of work quality and monitoring. For some it is the efforts we go to to provide help and reassurance on technical matters - of which our weekly training sessions and the senior member of the department dedicated to professional support are examples. For some it is the fact that we're based all together, on the same floor - a knowledge sharing centre. For at least one person it's our building (we think our gym and restaurant might be part of the attraction there).

Some of our assistants consider the team to be "reassuringly eccentric"; no tax department clones here, but each an individual lateral thinker - crucial in our view for a Tax Lawyer.

The one thing everyone agrees on is that whilst we work hard, it's fun to work here. No-one stands on ceremony and you won't be dropped in at the deep end on your own; we provide a supportive environment, in an expanding department with excellent prospects for the future.

If you have at least 2 years' corporate tax experience and would like a fresh challenge, why don't you come and get the measure of our approach for yourself.

For further information, in complete confidence, please contact our retained consultants Gavin Sharpe or Stephen Rodney on 0171 405 6062 (0171 794 6168 evenings/weekends) or write to them at QD Legal.

**QD Legal**  
37-41 Bedford Row  
London WC1R 4JH  
Tel 0171 405 6062  
Confidential fax 0171 831 6394

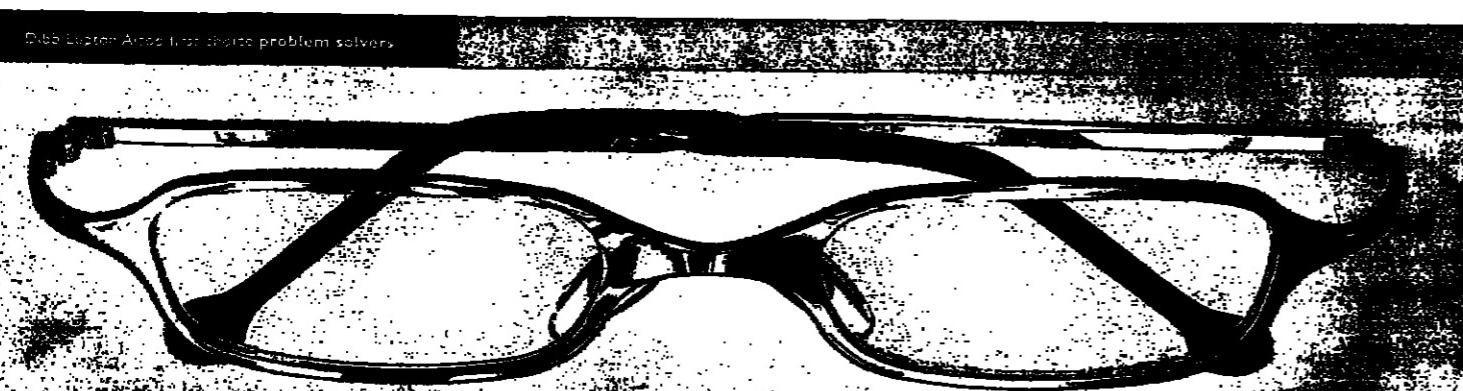
INVESTOR IN PEOPLE  
QD

Looking for  
partnership prospects?

**LAURENCE SIMONS**  
International Legal Recruitment  
Professional, Proactive and Personal

Tel +44 (0)171 831 3270  
Fax +44 (0)171 831 4429

**LEGAL TRAINING GROUP**  
PRESENTS  
LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE WEEKEND  
REVISION COURSES  
BUSINESS LAW AND PRACTICE  
on  
27 & 28 March 1999 in London  
10.00am - 5.00pm  
EMPLOYMENT LAW  
on  
3 & 4 April 1999  
and  
CORPORATE FINANCE  
on  
9 & 10 April 1999  
Tel/Fax: 0181 508 9894



a clear approach to litigation

Bankruptcy Litigators

UK's leading law firm with turnover well over £10m. Banking, Finance, Accounting, Securities, Disputes

and Litigation. We are looking for experienced and enthusiastic candidates to join our expanding

team. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package and excellent opportunities for career development.

We are particularly interested in candidates with experience in the field of Financial Services and/or the

Banking Sector. If you are interested in joining our Litigation Group and will be able to commit to

a full time position, please apply to: Mr. G. J. Lupton, HR Director, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS.

**DIBB  
LUPTON  
ALSOP**

031 260 728

## Employment Lawyers

As a leading international law firm, Norton Rose has a reputation for the highest quality of service to financial institutions and corporate clients around the world.

The firm is expanding its employment law team (part of the busy Human Resources Department) following a significant increase in client instructions.

As a result the firm wishes to recruit a partner or senior assistant with short-term expectations of partnership and a junior assistant at around 2 years PQE (or similar level of employment expertise).

The employment team, under its new head Tim Russell, has ambitious plans for the future. If you want to be in a top 10 City firm which is investing in employment law as a niche area as well as a support service to the rest of the firm then this opportunity will attract you.

Commercial acumen, character and resourcefulness are as important as technical ability and you must want to have exposure to all aspects of contentious and non-contentious employment issues as well as being actively involved with marketing opportunities and managing people.

If you have the skills and determination to succeed, want to work in a dynamic and respected employment department within a leading international law firm please send your C.V. to Lisa Lilley, Personnel Manager.

## Norton Rose

Kempson House, Camomile Street, London EC3A 7AN

Tel: +44 0171 283 6000 Fax: +44 0171 283 6500 Email: [lilley@nortonrose.com](mailto:lilley@nortonrose.com)For further information on Norton Rose visit our web site at <http://www.nortonrose.com>

LONDON • HONG KONG • BRUSSELS • PARIS • SINGAPORE • BAHRAIN • PIRAEUS • MOSCOW

Power to

## STEVENS &amp; BOLTON

SOLICITORS

## Quality of Work... Quality of Life...

Are you enjoying both of these?

Commercial Property Lawyers:

0-1 Years page 2-3 Years page

Have you convinced yourself that there is no alternative to joining the rat race into the City each morning? Think again.

Stevens & Bolton is THE "City" Practice outside the City of London. Based in Guildford, we act for some of the best known institutional groups and major listed companies in the Country. New and existing Clients are attracted to Stevens & Bolton by our reputation for quality and excellence and a team spirit which is second to none.

Our immediate requirements are for Commercial Property Solicitors 0-1 and 2-3 years page with a good academic and training background with a major City, West End or provincial firm.

If you would appreciate the opportunity to work in a more pleasant environment, without compromising the challenges and opportunities which are available to you in the City of London, then we would like to hear from you. Please contact our retained consultants, Reg Payne or Vanessa Page immediately at:

Page Temple & Payne, Craven House, West Street,  
Farnham, Surrey GU9 7ES

Telephone (01252) 718555. You can fax your details in complete confidence to (01252) 718556 or e-mail [page@templepayne@btconnect.com](mailto:page@templepayne@btconnect.com)

No anonymity  
for bodyTHE KNOWLEDGE  
TO ADVISE, THE  
POWER TO INFLUENCELegal Adviser  
London Docklands

This is a rare opportunity to make an important contribution to shaping the future of the new regulatory authority for the Financial Services Industry. To establish your credentials in a highly visible role, deploying and broadening your invaluable experience in the field of Insurance and Friendly Societies at the same time. It's a position that extends beyond the more routine regulatory issues and into emerging policy areas for the FSA, including those driven by the Financial Services and Markets Bill and the Lloyds Acts. Acting as one of the FSA's legal experts in this area, you'll also be involved in advising on EC insurance law and in helping to formulate policy for EC legislation. Few positions hold so much scope for professional development. So it's important that you possess the stature and credibility to operate at the highest levels. An articulate team player, you'll have at least 5 years PQE and be fully familiar with financial services regulation, ideally in the insurance field. Certainly you'll have a sound understanding of financial concepts and be conversant with EC law. Good modern drafting, analytical and IT skills are also important. Bring these qualities to the role and you'll experience unparalleled exposure to complex, high profile and often politically sensitive issues, gaining along the way a portfolio of achievement that will be of real significance to your career. In short, an authority in your own right. Please write enclosing a detailed CV, to FSA, c/o 1st Floor, Wellington House, Queensmere, Slough SL1 1DB, quoting reference number BA 390. The closing date for receipt of applications is 1st April 1999.

Make law

Make progress

J.P. Morgan Chase  
Bank of America

## Law Report March 23 1999 Privy Council

# Delay by human rights bodies will not stop executions

**Thomas and Another v Baptiste and Others**

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Steyn, Lord Hobhouse of Woodborough and Lord Millett.

Judgment March 17

Everyone under sentence of death who had lodged a petition with international bodies had a constitutional right not to be executed pending final determination of their petitions, but delay caused by the slowness of the bodies in dealing with the petitions would not prevent the death sentence from being carried out.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Goff and Lord Hobhouse dissenting) so stated in giving reasons for their decision to grant a stay of the death sentence passed upon the appellants, Darren Roger Thomas and Haniff Hilaire, for murder pending the determination of their current petitions to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, but otherwise their Lordships, Lord Steyn dissenting, dismissed the appellants' appeals from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago which had allowed an appeal by the respondents, Captain Baptiste, Commissioner of Police, Mrs Evelyn Ann Petersen, Registrar of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney-General of Trinidad and Tobago, from Mr Justice Jamadar in the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago, who had granted Thomas' constitutional motion. The Court of Appeal had dismissed Hilaire's appeal from dismissal by Mr Justice Kangaloo of his constitutional motion.

Mr Nicholas Blake, QC, Mr Kiran Saarwar and Mr Gregory Darrow of the Trinidad and Tobago Bar, for Thomas; Mr James Shirley, QC, Mr Julian Knowles and Ms Quincy Whittaker for Hilaire; Sir Godfrey Le Quenne, QC, Mr Martin Daly, SC, of the Trinidad and Tobago Bar, Mr Russell Beaumont, SC, of the Trinidad and Tobago Bar, Mrs Nazlie Aimes Darmanie, Assistant Solicitor-General, Trinidad and Tobago, who had granted Thomas' constitutional motion.

On October 13, 1997, the govern-

ment published "Instructions relating to applications from persons under sentence of death" prescribing strict time limits and procedures for applications by such petitioners to the UNHRC and the commission.

LORD MILLETT, delivering the majority judgment to which Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Steyn were parties, said that the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago affirmed the right of the individual to life and liberty and the right not to be deprived thereof "except by due process of law" (section 4(a)), and prohibited the imposition of "cruel and unusual treatment or punishment" (section 52(2)(b)).

The government had ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and had acceded to the Optional Protocol which gave individuals right of access to the United Nations Human Rights Committee (UNHRC).

The government had also ratified the American Convention on Human Rights, which established the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR).

In *Pratt v Attorney-General for Jamaica* [1994] 2 AC 1] the Board ruled that the aim should be to hear a capital appeal in Jamaica within 12 months of conviction and to complete the entire domestic appeal process within two years; that it should be possible to complete appeals to the UNHRC at most within a further 18 months; and that where execution was to take place more than five years after sentence there would be strong grounds for believing that the carrying out of the sentence would constitute inhuman or degrading punishment or, other treatment contrary to the Constitution of Jamaica.

By 1997 a significant number of persons condemned to death in Trinidad and Tobago were petitioning the UNHRC and the commission.

The government became concerned that even if the petitions were dismissed they would not be dealt with in time to allow the sentences to be carried out within the time limits contemplated in *Pratt*.

It would have been sufficient to affect existing applications.

The appellants contended that their constitutional right to due process would be infringed if they were to be executed while their current petitions to the commission were still pending.

Their Lordships recognised the constitutional importance of the principle that international conventions did not alter domestic law except to the extent that they were incorporated into domestic law by legislation.

However, the right for which the appellants contend was the general right accorded to all litigants not to have the outcome of any pending appellate or other legal process pre-empted by executive action.

The executions should be stayed

until their petitions were finally disposed of and the rulings of the commission and the IACtHR had been considered by the relevant authorities.

**Cruel and unusual treatment or punishment**

The appellants sought to have the sentences commuted and invoked section 52(2)(b) of the Constitution which prohibited the infliction of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment.

They relied on the length of time during which they had been kept in prison, both before and after conviction, and on the conditions in prison. Thomas also submitted that it was unconstitutional for the Court of Appeal to re-sentence the death sentence.

**Due process of law**

The executive might withdraw rights it had granted, but that practice was not without exception. Executive action might give rise to a similar problem which might found a constitutional right which could not lawfully be withdrawn by executive action alone.

Even when executive action fell short of that, as in the present case, it might confer a right for the time being which could not be withdrawn retrospectively without infringing the due process clause.

Their Lordships did not doubt the right of the government to denounce the Convention and were content to assume, without deciding, that the government was entitled to curtail such rights of access or prescribe conditions for their exercise for the future, but section 4(a) of the Constitution prevented it from doing so retrospectively as so affected existing applications.

Although the Instructions were prepared before either appellant lodged a competent petition the invalidity of the instructions prevented the government from relying on them to justify carrying out the death sentences.

The appellants hoped to obtain binding rulings from the IACtHR that their convictions should be quashed or their sentences should be commuted. For the government to carry out the death sentences before the petitions had been heard would deny the appellants their constitutional right to due process.

The executions should be stayed

in allowing only 18 months to complete the international processes the Board could with hindsight be seen to have been unduly optimistic.

The appellants had been considering whether a much longer period should be substituted, but had concluded that would not meet the case.

They might be at liberty to complain to the human rights committees but they had no right to do so. If the treaty purported to confer such a right, it had only done so for the purpose of international law and not for the purpose of the law of the Republic.

In asserting that the right which the appellants invoked was the right not to have the outcome of any pending appellate or other legal process pre-empted by executive action, the majority were assuming what they had to prove, namely that the opportunity to invoke the jurisdiction of the UNHRC and the IACtHR constituted a legal right and therefore part of the legal process of the Republic.

The Instructions were a loyal attempt by the government to address the consequences of the decision in *Pratt*. To hold the instructions unlawful would be a disproportionate response to the failure of the government's attempt to reconcile the treaties and the law.

In their Lordships' opinion the Instructions were not unlawful. The appeals should be dismissed and the application for a stay refused.

Under the law of the Republic they had been tried, convicted of murder, condemned to death and had fully exercised and exhausted their rights of appeal. There had been no want of due process of law.

They might be at liberty to complain to the human rights committees but they had no right to do so. If the treaty purported to confer such a right, it had only done so for the purpose of international law and not for the purpose of the law of the Republic.

In asserting that the right which the appellants invoked was the right not to have the outcome of any pending appellate or other legal process pre-empted by executive action, the majority were assuming what they had to prove, namely that the opportunity to invoke the jurisdiction of the UNHRC and the IACtHR constituted a legal right and therefore part of the legal process of the Republic.

The Instructions were a loyal attempt by the government to address the consequences of the decision in *Pratt*. To hold the instructions unlawful would be a disproportionate response to the failure of the government's attempt to reconcile the treaties and the law.

In their Lordships' opinion the Instructions were not unlawful. The appeals should be dismissed and the application for a stay refused.

**LORD GOFF and LORD HOBHOUSE**, in delivering a dissenting judgment in favour of dismissing the appeals, said that it was the law of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago alone on which the appellants were entitled to rely in support of their constitutional motions.

The Advisory Committee might take into account the strength of the international law in dealing with such petitions, but such defences should not prevent the death sentence from being carried out.

Where more than 18 months elapsed between the date on which a condemned man lodged a petition to an international body and its final determination, it would be appropriate to add the excess to the period of 18 months allowed for in *Pratt*.

**LORD STEYN**, concurring with the stay but dissenting on communication, said that the death sentence should be commuted and terms of life imprisonment substituted. The state might not superimpose on the inevitable consequences of a death sentence inhuman treatment in the sense of additional unnecessary and avoidable agony and suffering.

There were irreducible minimum standards of treatment of condemned men which a state had to observe.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durban; Simmons & Charles Russell.

## Power to displace patient's relative

**Regina v Central London County Court and Another. Ex parte London**

Before Lord Justice Smart-Smith, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Robert Walker.

Judgment March 15

A county court had power to make an ex parte or interim order when considering an application under section 29(3) of the Mental Health Act 1983 to displace a patient's nearest relative.

Hospital managers acted lawfully upon such an ex parte and interim order when they compulsorily admitted the patient for treatment in accordance with the provisions of the Act before the section 29 application had been finally determined.

However, unless there were cogent reasons to the contrary, questions under section 29(3)(c) should be finally determined before an application was made under section 12.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when inter alia, dismissing an appeal by the appellants against Mr Justice Owen on the dismissal by Mr Justice Walker of their application for judicial review of an ex parte order of Judge Green, Q.C., concerning the Central London County Court's decision on March 8, 1995, an interim order of Judge Rich, QC, at the same time as the section 29(3) application for discharge.

The court may make any order which could be made by the High Court if the proceedings were in the High Court...

for assessment) patient. On March 8, 1996, Judge Green, QC, purporting to act under section 29 on an ex parte application, made an order displacing the applicant's mother as his nearest relative and adjourned the matter until March 15, when Judge Rich, QC, reconsidered the application inter partes.

He accepted the section 29(3)(c) ground and made an order continuing the previous order and adjourning further consideration of the application until April 3.

On March 22, on the application of the social services purporting to act under section 29(3)(b), the applicant's mother not having been consulted, the applicant was compulsorily admitted to hospital for treatment under section 3 of the Act.

On July 12, 1996 the county court made a final order displacing the mother as the nearest relative. No complaint was made about that order.

(3) An application for an order under this section may be made upon any of the following grounds — (c) that the nearest relative of the patient unreasonably objects to the making of an application for admission for treatment ... of the patient.

The applicant had since left the hospital.

The relevant powers of the county court were contained in section 38 of the County Court Act 1984 as substituted by section 29(3) of the Mental Health Act 1983. That was a perfectly general power, designed to equalise the powers of the county court to those of the High Court.

Mr Fleming accepted that section 38 was wide enough to confer jurisdiction on the county court, but submitted that when regard was had to the scheme of the 1983 Act, it was apparent that Parliament did not contemplate the making of anything but a final order under section 29 and accordingly, especially as the Act was concerned with restricting the liberty of the subject and should be given a restricted interpretation, the court had no jurisdiction to make an interim order.

He had a long history of schizophrenia with admissions to hospital since September 1985.

On March 8, 1996 he was admitted to the hospital as an emergency admission under section 4 and was regraded to a section 2 admission.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when inter alia, dismissing an appeal by the appellants against Mr Justice Owen on the dismissal by Mr Justice Walker of their application for judicial review of an ex parte order of Judge Green, Q.C., concerning the Central London County Court's decision on March 8, 1995, an interim order of Judge Rich, QC, at the same time as the section 29(3) application for discharge.

He expressed the view that the court may make any order which could be made by the High Court if the proceedings were in the High Court...

for assessment) patient. On March 8, 1996, Judge Green, QC, purporting to act under section 29(3)(c) of the Mental Health Act 1983, was that the company required inclusion in the restricted reporting order to protect its trading reputation.

That was the real question in the present case and was the question which the Divisional Court had not answered conclusively in the *London (North)* case.

The appeal tribunal had concluded that it was the clear intention of Parliament to extend the protection of anonymity to individuals only, that was the party making the complaint and the individual against whom the allegation of sexual misconduct was made, together with any other relevant individuals to the matters in issue.

He expressed the view that he was bound by a decision of the Divisional Court in *R v London (North) Industrial Tribunal, Ex parte Associated Newspapers Ltd* [1998] ICR 509.

In the *London (North)* case the appeal tribunal had concluded that a tribunal chairman was wrong to conclude that he did not have power to make a restricted reporting order against a body corporate.

In the *London (North)* case the Divisional Court had decided that a tribunal chairman was wrong to conclude that he did not have power to make a restricted reporting order against a body corporate.

As a matter of pure construction the appeal tribunal agreed with the decision in *M v Vincent* that the word "person" in section 1(6) was capable of including corporate or

persons. That case was therefore in point. There were also factual similarities.

Mrs Valerie Stacey for S; Mrs Janys Scott for M.

Section 30(4) of the 1983 Act en-

titled to the contrary, it was held that the court had jurisdiction to make an interim order so that a section 3 admission might subsequently have to be unascertained.

But unless there were cogent reasons to the contrary, it was held that section 29(3)(c) should be finally determined before an application made under section 3, and the machinery of extension of detention under section 29 afforded by section 29(4) should be used.

It followed that the challenge failed both to the county court orders and the decision of March 22, 1996 by the hospital managers to admit the applicant. In those circumstances, the alternative argument as to the validity of the decision to admit the applicant did not strictly speaking need to be considered.

His Lordship considered a number of authorities, including *Boddington v British Transport Police* [1998] 2 WLR 629, *Percy v Hall* [1997] QB 624 and *R v Governor of Brookhill Prison, Ex parte Evans* [No 2] (1999) 2 WLR 102.

Parliament must have taken into account the power to make an interim order in any case under section 29. Accordingly, the court did have jurisdiction to make the orders of March 8 and 15, the decision of the hospital managers to admit the applicant on March 22 was valid and should not be quashed.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Robert Walker agreed.

Solicitors: Gill & Co; Treasury Solicitor; Radcliffe.

**Thomas and Another v Maxwell, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry intervening**

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor

Judgment March 11

Inspectors appointed under Part XIV of the Companies Act 1985 to investigate the affairs of a company had no legal obligation to those from whom they obtained information to insist on confidentiality undertakings being given by others before whom, for the purposes of their inquiry, they wished to put the information or documents.

The inspectors put the information or documents to the court of inquiry which he might desire to put the information or documents.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division refusing an application of Sir Roger John Laughton Thomas and Raymond Thomas Turner, inspectors appointed under the Companies Act 1985 to inquire into Mirror Group Newspapers plc for an order under section 436 of the 1985 Act against Mr Kevin Maxwell as if he had been guilty of contempt of court.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors owed no duty to the court of inquiry to give evidence in support of their statutory inquiry.

They were under no duty to those from whom they obtained information or documents for the purpose of their statutory inquiry.

They were under no duty to put the information or documents to the court of inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

The inspectors referred to the court of inquiry the refusal of Mr Maxwell to give evidence in support of his statutory inquiry.

</div



THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

RACING: ROAD TO PENURY IS PAVED WITH RUMOUR AND SUSPICION

SPORT 47

FINDLEY MEMBER

# Careless talk costs money

**O**h to be a bookmaker now that spring is here. Oh to have been one at Cheltenham, where Ireland's fistful of winners enriched layers beyond their wildest dreams. Of the shamrock-decorated quintet, only Istabraq was truly fancied and he started at a prohibitive 9-4 on. Even the board-breaking J.P. McManus felt the pinch halfway through the second day, when his Khayrwanai claimed the Coral Cup at a whopping 16-1.

"There was a reason for that," McManus said of the handsome pay-off. "I hadn't the courage to back him after taking some heavy hits." J.P. can afford to be magnanimous. "There's no victory like the unexpected," he reflected.

His thoughts perfectly amplified the philosophy of bookmakers, a capacity in which McManus once traded with conspicuous success.

In that earlier life, he will have qualified long into the night on the cocktail of suspicion, rumour, innuendo and downright lies that will prompt punters to venture like lambs to the slaughter in the coming weeks.

While harping back to earlier times, enthusiasts who live,

for flat racing would once have revelled in the headline "AND THEY'RE OFF" as a big field for the Spring Apprentice Handicap at Doncaster clatters, pictorially, from the stalls. We may still get the photograph, but the fact is that the horses have been off... on all-weather tracks throughout the winter. Nevertheless, Doncaster's three-day turf fixture offers tangible proof that the standard of flat racing is about to rise several bloodlines higher. Not at Town Moor itself, where a series of unfathomable contests will doubtless widen the collective betting-smile.

No, the real danger rests in containing the irresponsible flood of whispers, gossip and gallop reports soon to emanate from Newmarket, the headquarters of flat racing. You see, it is not enough to brag that you backed the 2,000 Guineas winner at 7-2 on the day of the race. You must have backed it ante-post at 20-1 before its Guineas trial, before anyone else was in the know.

You have to be seen as a judge, the one who winks knowingly when buying the celebratory champagne. The truth is that for every lucky Charlie standing at the bar,



On the level

there are 20 others cancelling speculatively-prepared trips to the Caribbean, 20 more who cannot face their friends for six months and a further score who will forever look like Macbeth on seeing the ghost of Banquo. Then there is the well-known Newmarket correspondent, long since absent from the blighted Heath, who could contemplate life only if Henry Cecil had triumphed in the season's opening classics.

Mind you, the laid-back Cecil tends to have that effect on people. His blind following gives punters little chance.

Want to back his Killer Instinct for the 2,000 Guineas? You've already missed the boat: the colt dropped to 10-1 from 16 over the weekend after impressing in a gallop.

To those punters, it matters not a jot that the aforementioned workout wouldn't have taxed a circumspect two-mile chaser with a serious attitude problem. Not just any old chaser, of course, but one like Green Green Desert, fourth in the Champion Chase last week but who, in this very week five years ago, was all the betting rage for the 2,000 Guineas. It's funny how the Blue Riband never showed.

For those anxious to avoid the onset of bankruptcy, the message is clear. Let the lucky Charlie at the bar savour his moment. Do not be envious in the slightest. There is a classic barometer which predicts the deluge with far greater accuracy. It is unglamorous, eschews rumours of blistering gallops, but nevertheless forecasts that Stravinsky, Mujaahid, Enrique and Auction House — who collectively dominate advance betting on the 2,000 Guineas — are unlikely winners of the classic. More about that next week.

As much was plain six years ago, when favourable reports emanated from Tenby's moderate work with less-than-salubrious companions in his last gallop before a Derby he approached as the red-hot favourite. Needless to say, Tenby started odds-on for the Blue Riband and never showed.

For those anxious to avoid the onset of bankruptcy, the message is clear. Let the lucky Charlie at the bar savour his moment. Do not be envious in the slightest. There is a classic barometer which predicts the deluge with far greater accuracy. It is unglamorous, eschews rumours of blistering gallops, but nevertheless forecasts that Stravinsky, Mujaahid, Enrique and Auction House — who collectively dominate advance betting on the 2,000 Guineas — are unlikely winners of the classic. More about that next week.



Horses return from the gallops bringing with them gossip which can cost backers dear

## RACING AHEAD

**R**ob Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

### GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	32nd	33rd	34th	35th	36th	37th	38th	39th	40th	41st	42nd	43rd	44th	45th	46th	47th	48th	49th	50th	51st	52nd	53rd	54th	55th	56th	57th	58th	59th	60th	61st	62nd	63rd	64th	65th	66th	67th	68th	69th	70th	71st	72nd	73rd	74th	75th	76th	77th	78th	79th	80th	81st	82nd	83rd	84th	85th	86th	87th	88th	89th	90th	91st	92nd	93rd	94th	95th	96th	97th	98th	99th	100th	101st	102nd	103rd	104th	105th	106th	107th	108th	109th	110th	111th	112th	113th	114th	115th	116th	117th	118th	119th	120th	121st	122nd	123rd	124th	125th	126th	127th	128th	129th	130th	131st	132nd	133rd	134th	135th	136th	137th	138th	139th	140th	141st	142nd	143rd	144th	145th	146th	147th	148th	149th	150th	151st	152nd	153rd	154th	155th	156th	157th	158th	159th	160th	161st	162nd	163rd	164th	165th	166th	167th	168th	169th	170th	171st	172nd	173rd	174th	175th	176th	177th	178th	179th	180th	181st	182nd	183rd	184th	185th	186th	187th	188th	189th	190th	191st	192nd	193rd	194th	195th	196th	197th	198th	199th	200th	201st	202nd	203rd	204th	205th	206th	207th	208th	209th	210th	211st	212nd	213rd	214th	215th	216th	217th	218th	219th	220th	221st	222nd	223rd	224th	225th	226th	227th	228th	229th	230th	231st	232nd	233rd	234th	235th	236th	237th	238th	239th	240th	241st	242nd	243rd	244th	245th	246th	247th	248th	249th	250th	251st	252nd	253rd	254th	255th	256th	257th	258th	259th	260th	261st	262nd	263rd	264th	265th	266th	267th	268th	269th	270th	271st	272nd	273rd	274th	275th	276th	277th	278th	279th	280th	281st	282nd	283rd	284th	285th	286th	287th	288th	289th	290th	291st	292nd	293rd	294th	295th	296th	297th	298th	299th	300th	301st	302nd	303rd	304th	305th	306th	307th	308th	309th	310th	311th	312th	313th	314th	315th	316th	317th	318th	319th	320th	321st	322nd	323rd	324th	325th	326th	327th	328th	329th	330th	331st	332nd	333rd	334th	335th	336th	337th	338th	339th	340th	341st	342nd	343rd	344th	345th	346th	347th	348th	349th	350th	351st	352nd	353rd	354th	355th	356th	357th	358th	359th	360th	361st	362nd	363rd	364th	365th	366th	367th	368th	369th	370th	371st	372nd	373rd	374th	375th	376th	377th	378th	379th	380th	381st	382nd	383rd	384th	385th	386th	387th	388th	389th	390th	391st	392nd	393rd	394th	395th	396th	397th	398th	399th	400th	401st	402nd	403rd	404th	405th	406th	407th	408th	409th	410th	411st	412nd	413rd	414th	415th	416th	417th	418th	419th	420th	421st	422nd	423rd	424th	425th	426th	427th	428th	429th	430th	431st	432nd	433rd	434th	435th	436th	437th	438th	439th	440th	441st	442nd	443rd	444th	445th	446th	447th	448th	449th	450th	451st	452nd	453rd	454th	455th	456th	457th	458th	459th	460th	461st	462nd	463rd	464th	465th	466th	467th	468th	469th	470th	471st	472nd	473rd	474th	475th	476th	477th	478th	479th	480th	481st	482nd	483rd	484th	485th	486th	487th	488th	489th	490th	491st	492nd	493rd	494th	495th	496th	497th	498th	499th	500th	501st	502nd	503rd	504th	505th	506th	507th	508th	509th	510th	511th	512th	513th	514th	515th	516th	517th	518th	519th	520th	521st	522nd	523rd	524th	525th	526th	527th	528th	529th	530th	531st	532nd	533rd	534th	535th	536th	537th	538th	539th	540th	541st	542nd	543rd	544th	545th	546th	547th	548th	549th	550th	551st	552nd	553rd	554th	555th	556th	557th	558th	559th	560th	561st	562nd	563rd	564th	565th	566th	567th	568th	569th	570th	571st	572nd	573rd	574th	575th	576th	577th	578th	579th	580th	581st	582nd	583rd	584th	585th	586th	587th	588th	589th	590th	591st	592nd	593rd	594th	595th	596th	597th	598th	599th	600th	601st	602nd	603rd	604th	605th	606th	607th	608th	609th	610th	611th	612th	613th	614th	615th	616th	617th	618th	619th	620th	621st	622nd	623rd	624th	625th	626th	627th	628th	629th	630th	631st	632nd	633rd	634th	635th	636th	637th</





# Champ in search of a crown

Dario Franchitti is coveted by Formula One but, as Kevin Eason reports, he wants to conquer the United States first

**T**he links that tie Dario Franchitti to Formula One are strong, but his transition from budding champion to star of the world's premier motor-sport series has not been as smooth as for many of his Scottish countrymen.

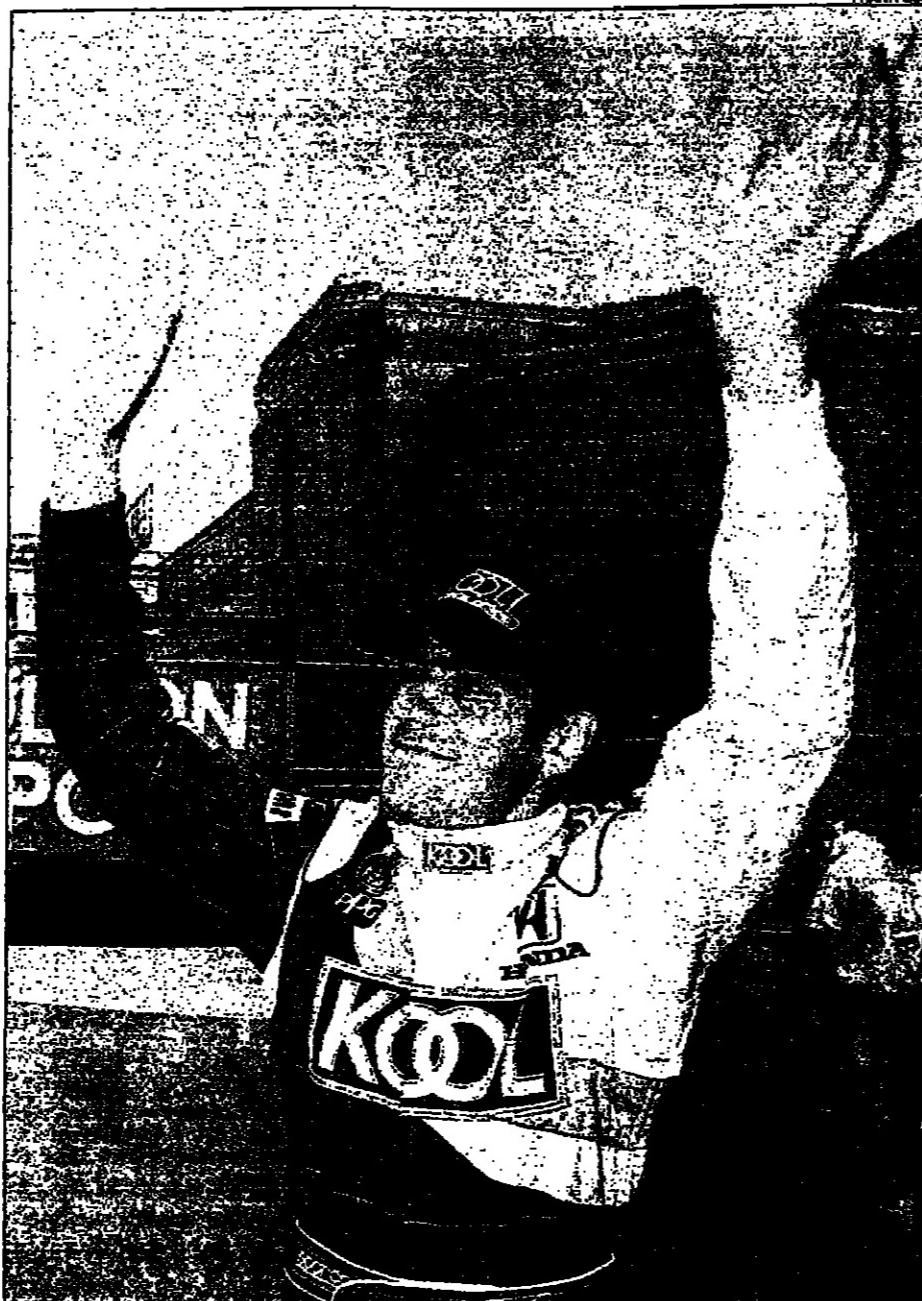
While David Coulthard, his rival as a young karting champion, moved seamlessly to the top, securing drives with the world championship teams of Williams and then McLaren, Franchitti found himself banished to what seemed might be the anonymity of the United States and the Champ Car series, once known as IndyCars.

Franchitti, who finished third in the opening Champ Car race of the season in Miami on Sunday, is a wanted man at last. His exploits at the end of last season, when he finished third in the championship after winning three out of four races in

the title run-in, stamped his talent on the series, even overshadowing the title-winner, Alex Zanardi, who then switched to Formula One and a seat this year with Williams.

Franchitti had his chance to fulfil his lifelong dream and move too, but decided the time was not right. He spurned two multimillion-dollar offers from Formula One teams, desperate to recruit a rare talent, to stay in Champ Cars, where he has unfinished business.

"I have sometimes thought that I could never get to Formula One," he said yesterday. "I have dreams about being in Formula One since I was a child, but somehow the chances never seemed to come my way and I ended up in America. More than one Formula One team came after me at the end of last season and put deals on the table for 1999. I



Only victory will do for Franchitti after finishing third in the Champ Car series last year

left for Formula One and the 1997 world championship. Franchitti, 25, knows that his chances of victory in the United States remain far greater than in Formula One. In the US, he is with one of the top teams in a top car; in Formula One, he could find himself consigned to mid-grid mediocrity.

"There is no point in going to Formula One just for the sake of it," he said. "I have no interest in Formula One unless I am with a competitive team. There is nothing worse than just going round knowing you have no chance of winning."

Perhaps that statement of confidence comes from the understanding that, at last, the West Lothian man has stepped out of the shadows of his countrymen. The lineage of Scottish drivers is remarkable, from Jim Clark and Jackie

Stewart, who won his last championship in 1973, to the present class of Coulthard, Colin McRae, in rallying, and the Le Mans winner, Alan McNish.

Though any one of ten drivers could win the Champ Car

championship this season, Franchitti's name will head most betting slips. However, he is taking nothing for granted. "This is a tough sport," he said. "You are only as good as the victories to your name, which is why I am staying where I am for the time being."

until I am assured the team and car in Formula One I know will give me a chance at a world championship.

"It is common sense, but I

have to get back to the busi-

ness of winning to ensure that

my chance does come. I will be ready to grab it when it does."

Moore gets it right fourth time

GREG MOORE enjoyed victory in Florida at the fourth attempt when he won the Miami Grand Prix, the first race of the 1999 Champ Car Championship, on Sunday. "I

wouldn't say we were dominant," Moore said after winning the fifth event of his career in the series. "We had lucky breaks many times."

In his first three tries at the Homestead-Miami Speedway, his best finish was second. After winning pole position, the Canadian fell back to fifteenth place, owing to a faulty airjack, but came back to be runner-up.

Moore started from the pole again, in a Reynard-Mercedes-Benz, and led the first 59 laps until his first pit stop. He retook the lead for good on lap 114 and held off the Swift-Ford of Michael Andretti by 1.110 seconds. Dario Franchitti, of Scotland, finished third in a Reynard-Honda. 2.145sec behind Moore.

Al Unser Jr, who has won the Indy 500 twice, sustained a fractured right ankle and a torn ligament in his left knee. Naoki Hattori broke his left leg when their cars collided on the first lap.

The second race of the

series is in Japan on April 10.



Unser receives medical attention after his crash in Miami

# Doctor, doctor, waiting for treatment is no joke.

Don't worry, with Abbey National's Private Healthcare if you fall ill you won't have to queue for treatment.

Being ill isn't funny. Neither is having to wait several months for treatment.

By taking out our private healthcare now you will avoid such a wait should you fall ill in future. And less waiting means less of the pain that can seriously affect your daily life.

Surely it's a complicated process? Hardly. Our claims helpline can give the go ahead on most claims in just 15 minutes.

But isn't private healthcare a luxury? We don't think so. In fact, you can discover how affordable your premium is by calling us free on the number below Monday to Friday 8am to 9pm, Saturday 8am to 4pm. Or ask at any of our larger branches and talk to one of our advisers face-to-face.

0800 222 399

ABBEY NATIONAL®

Because life's complicated enough.

To assist us in improving our service, we may record or monitor telephone calls. Details of the policy terms, conditions, restrictions and exclusions are available on request. Abbey National Healthcare, the Umbrella Couple symbol and Because life's complicated enough are trademarks of Abbey National plc, Registered Office, Abbey House, Baker Street, London NW1 6XL, United Kingdom. All policies are underwritten by Abbey National Healthcare Limited.

S24

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 49

### FAVUS

(c) A contagious disease of the skin, characterised by pustules, so-called from its resemblance to a honey-comb. "The Favus, when it happens on the face, and the vesiculations behind the ears, often arise from the same cause."

### GARD

(c) Attention, watchfulness. Also, the object of one's attention. From the French, as in *prendre garde* d. "All their guard and regard, all their eyes upon him alone, what serve they for?"

### GRISON

(a) A servant without livery, dressed in grey, for secret errands. From the French word for "grey". "I think I must keep a Secretary, I keep Grisons Fellows out of Livery, privately for nothing, but to carry Answers."

### FACUND

(c) Eloquent. Also, figuratively, said of beauty, etc. From the Latin *facundus*, from *fari* to speak. "Poets and excellent musicians whose brains not moistened with the juice of Bacchus be nothing plente nor facund."

### SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE

1 - QxG! 2 gxG g5 and the white queen is trapped.

# Soccer's spiritual side

## Hoddle and the Healer

Channel 4, 9pm

No preview tape was available, but as it is directed by the distinguished Roger Mills, this documentary about Glenn Hoddle, Eileen Drewery, healing, Buddhism and football should be quite a firework. Hoddle speaks out for the first time since his dismissal as England manager last month — about his belief in healing, his relationship with Eileen and that misguided quote which understandably enraged the disabled and led to his sacking. It would seem that healing has been part of the football scene for at least 20 years and tonight in the wake of England's crucial match against Poland, both players and managers come out on the subject.

## Close Up: J.D. Salinger Doesn't Want To Talk

BBC2, 9.30pm

It's only 220 lousy pages, as the author himself might say about his American classic *The Catcher in the Rye*. But to the millions who have cherised these 40 hours in the life of 15-year-old Holden Caulfield, the pages are pure gold. Today the author, Jerome D. Salinger, is America's most notable recluse. What makes this son of affluent parents who won't be photographed, give interviews, or leave his village in the depths of New Hampshire? Salinger is nearly 80 now and there is a muched film of him in his garden. For the rest the programme relies — with commendable success — on friends, critics and lovers who have peopled his life. They recall how his terrible war experiences radically changed him and why he still seems to identify with the innocence of the young — those who hate phones just as Holden did.

## Emmerdale

ITV, 7pm

Ah yes — remember when this rough-and-tumble lot were called *Emmerdale Farm* and the emphasis was on what you did with your hay — not in it? Well, congratulations are in order for



Glenn Hoddle and the faith healer

Eileen Drewery (Channel 4, 9pm).

tonight sees a one-hour special to celebrate the 250th edition of the Yorkshire series. And yes, they are making hay. Expect two big announcements, a brawl at a ball, and a burglary. Kelly (Adie Silval) and Mandy (Lisa Riley) both get marriage proposals — but will they accept them?

## Jail Galt Trip

BBC1, 9.30pm (Scotland, 10.55pm)

Chris Ternell's fly-on-the-cell-wall portrait of a women's prison (New Hall, Yorkshire) just keeps getting better as honesty, misery, hope and humour bubble out of his shrewdly chosen cross-section of inmates. Take tonight's poignantcy of the 71-year-old fraudster Ivy, patiently working on her jigsaw while her radio plays September Song... She's a philosophical, tough and tender old bird who reads her reading letters from home to young, illiterate prisoners and you hear for her Crown Court date to go as she wishes. It doesn't. But Ivy can make it. If old Melissa (drugs/burglary) can't and if you heard her phone call last night begging her Mum for a bit of support you'll yearn for her too. Tonight sees her parents' "guilt trip" to visit their weeping daughter. Elizabeth Cowley

## RADIO CHOICE

### A Good Read

Radio 4, 4pm

A new series of the programme in which writers talk about paperback releases. *A Good Read* is always a good listen because the guests reveal a lot about their own tastes in writing and therefore something about themselves. Today, for example, Richard Fortey, senior palaeontologist at the Natural History Museum and an accessible writer on science, chooses *The Tortilla Curtain*, a novel about Mexican living in California and middle-class attitudes towards them. Fortey says: "The hero is a typically wishy-washy liberal and furthermore a writer of natural history articles, so he is a character in some ways not unattractive to myself." Brian Aldiss is Sarah le Fahne's other guest today and he chooses *The Reader* by Bernard Schlink.

## RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Scott Mills 8.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newcastle 6.00 Dave Pearce 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast 8.00 Radio 1 Evening 9.00 Digital Update 10.10 John Peel 12.00 The Breakfast 2.00am Civic Live 4.00 Scott Mills

## RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake up to Wogan 8.00 Ken Bruce 12.00 John Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.00 Radio Extra 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Russell Fuller presents top football action 10.00 Late Night Live. News and topical discussion, with Nick Robinson 12.00am Up All Night

## RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 6.00 Nick Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. Headlines and sport from around the world, with Annie Webster 1.00pm Russo and Co 4.00 Drive. Peter Allen and Jane Garvey 6.00 News and sport 7.00 News Extra 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Russell Fuller presents top football action 10.00 Late Night Live. News and topical discussion, with Nick Robinson 12.00am Up All Night

## TALK RADIO

6.00am The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 9.30 Sally James 12.00 Crime Fighters 1.00pm Anna Reesum 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.00 The World of Formula 1 8.00 Cheating Hearts 10.00 James White 1.00am Ian Collins

## VIRGIN

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbott 4.00 Harriet Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 Gary Davies 1.00am Richard Allen 4.30 Phil Kennedy

## RADIO 3

6.00am On Air Penny Gore presents music and arts news. Including a review of a new play by Moses Kaufman about the trials of Oscar Wilde which opened last night at the Gielgud Theatre

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Holliday. Bakelite (Overture on Three Russian Themes); Canteloupe (Songs of the Auvergne, Series 1); Ravel (Maurice sur le nom d'Haydn); Mozart (String Quartet in D minor, K421); Bach (Italian Concerto in F, BWV1046); Korngold (Capriccio No. 5); G. F. Handel's *Acis and Galatea*

10.30 Music of the Week: The Latin Singers

11.00 Sound Stories: Islands Richard Baker investigates the importance of Manhattan in Western musical culture

12.00 Composer of the Week: Schubert

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert A recital given every day by the Verger Quartet

2.00pm BBC Organ Concerts: Organ Concerts of Wales under Tedeski Orla and David Atherton, Raphael Oleg, violin, Stravinsky (Circus Polka); Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio Espagnol); Glazunov (Symphony No 2 in F sharp minor)

4.00 Vocalise Marathon with Tomlinson Purcell

5.00 In Tune with Sean Rafferty. Music includes Haydn (Trumpet Concerto in E flat); Bartok (Dance Suite)

7.30 Performance on 3: The Borodinat St George's The third of four concerts given by the Borodin Quartet at St George's, Brandon Hill,

## RADIO 4

5.30am World News 5.55 Shipping Forecast

5.45 Farming Forecast 5.45 Power for the Day

5.47 Farming Today and Issues in Rural Britain

6.00 Today Introduced by James Naughtie

6.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament Update on political developments

9.00 Unravel Evidence with Clive Anderson

9.30 Line of Duty: organised and development of westward songs (165) (1)

9.45 (PM) Serial: Radio 4 at The Word — Grape Jelly Writers and read by Jan Morris

10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Kearney

11.00 Spring Festival: Easter Celebrations in Cornwall (1)

11.30 Chamberlain Ruth and Henry go on an Outward Bound weekend, but the whole experience turns into a nightmare they'd rather forget. John Bird, James Fleet and Sarah Lancaster star (3/4)

12.00 (PM) News 12.00pm Year 13.00pm Young People's Forum 13.00pm The Breakfast Show

1.00pm The Breakfast Show 1.00pm The Breakfast Show

2.00pm The Archives Broadcast yesterday (1)

2.15 Afternoon Play: The End of the World is the Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me Julie Wilcoxson's comedy about the healing power of Mancunian hedonism. With Michelle Holmes

3.00 The Exchange: 0870 010 0444 Eddie Marries invites listeners' views on a topical issue

# Paradise lost, but was it ever really found?

Fletcher Christian has always been a fascinating, but not necessarily always appealing character. Certainly not to Clark Gable, who was reluctant to play the part in Irving Thalberg's *Mutiny On The Bounty*, opposite Charles Laughton's Captain Bligh. He told the producer, blithely: "Look, Irving, I'm a realistic kind of actor. I've never played in a costume drama in my life. Now you want me to wear a pigtail and velvet knee pants and shoes with silver buckles. The audience will laugh me off the screen."

But what most unsettled Gable was the idea of getting rid of his 'ache': "I'll be damned if I'll shave off my moustache just because the British Navy didn't allow them: This moustache has been damned lucky for me." Of course, what Gable should have been whining about was that Christian's story only began to get truly interesting long after the mutiny, when he

and his fellow mutineers set sail from Tahiti on *HMS Bounty* to flee the Admiralty's wrath. They eventually made a new Eden for themselves on Pitcairn, an island in the middle of the South Pacific. Who Killed Fletcher Christian, Nick Goldwin's documentary for Channel 4's *To The Ends Of The Earth* series, took up the story in 1990, a year after the mutiny, when Christian, eight mutineers and 18 Polynesians landed on Pitcairn.

The story is pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle through the research of Dr Martin Gibb and his team of Australian archaeologists, who have discovered 38 direct descendants of the mutineers still living on the island — including Tom Christian, Fletcher's great, great, great grandson — along with enough relics of the mutineers' lives to add some flesh to the folklore still surrounding the world's most famous mutiny.

Like most Edens, things didn't

run smoothly for very long. By the time two British men of war finally tracked down the rebels nearly two decades later, only one of the original mutineers, David Adams, was left. He was in his fifties and was sharing the tiny island with dozens of women and children. The intervening years were not the sort of paradise they used to show in *Bounty* chocolate bar commercials. This was largely because while they may have been fearless mutineers, Fletcher and his crew weren't so smart when it came to human nature.

For a start the Europeans carved up all the land among themselves. They also kept most of the Tahitian women. Now, it doesn't take Freud to work out that a Polynesian man — facing a pretty short lifespan anyway — who can't occasionally rub up against a Polynesian woman, soon feels that he's being

rubbled up the wrong way. Christian crushed an initial rebellion by killing two Polynesians *pour discouager les autres*. But a couple of years later the remaining Polynesians borrowed the Europeans' rifles on the pretext of going on a pig hunt; the mutineers lent them the guns, in anticipation of the lads bringing home some bacon. Only later did they discover that they themselves were

the bacon: five Europeans, including Christian, were killed. Of the four Europeans who survived the various massacres, one went loopy after swilling too much tea tree liquor, and another became so violent that Adams had to kill him. At this point Adams had a revelation and saw that his mission was to bring up the island's 20 children as Christians, using the *Bounty*'s Bible as guidance. It is still used in Pitcairn's church today.

When representatives of the Admiralty finally came for Adams, they were so taken by what they saw as the redemption of savages by a British seaman, that they spared him from the gallows.

Although Thalberg made the original movie of the mutiny against Bligh, the sequel depicting the mutineers' descent into savagery and mayhem would have been a natural project for Sam Goldwyn, a producer who liked

his movies to start with an earthquake and then build to a real climax.

**C**utting Edge Playing for England (Channel 4) was the latest evidence that even if England can't produce a world-beating football team, nobody's going to stop us making documentaries about subjects related to that non-world-beating football team. This one follows nine Sheffield Wednesday fans who were selected to play for England, but in a brass band rather than on the pitch. You remember them, don't you? Playing the theme tune from *The Great Escape* every time England played a match in last summer's World Cup?

Rupert Murray's film — by following the band's joyous excitement at being paid to travel around France watching the World Cup, and the band members' subsequent desolation when

England were knocked out on penalties — neatly mirrors the national team's rise and fall. But isn't it time for Kenneth Wolstenholme to come on and tell us that, as far as soccer documentaries go, it really is over now?

In *Bitesize Britain* (BBC2), a couple are licking chocolate body paint on each other's bodies. This is apparently very erotic (provided, of course, you're not licking chocolate body paint off your own body, which is obviously something kinky you should probably do only in private). What makes chocolate so sexy is that it contains a chemical called phenylethylamine (literally "your place or mine"), which is an anti-depressant that creates a sensation of euphoria similar to that of being in love. Frankly, in these days of safe sex, you're probably better off sticking to those chocolate sweets, the ones that melt in your mouth, not on your skin.

## REVIEW



Joe Joseph

F or a start the Europeans carved up all the land among themselves. They also kept most of the Tahitian women. Now, it doesn't take Freud to work out that a Polynesian man — facing a pretty short lifespan anyway — who can't occasionally rub up against a Polynesian woman, soon feels that he's being

rubbed up the wrong way. Christian crushed an initial rebellion by killing two Polynesians *pour discouager les autres*. But a couple of years later the remaining Polynesians borrowed the Europeans' rifles on the pretext of going on a pig hunt; the mutineers lent them the guns, in anticipation of the lads bringing home some bacon. Only later did they discover that they themselves were

the bacon: five Europeans, including Christian, were killed.

Of the four Europeans who survived the various massacres,

one went loopy after swilling too

much tea tree liquor, and another

became so violent that Adams had

to kill him. At this point Adams

had a revelation and saw that his

mission was to bring up the

island's 20 children as Christians,

using the *Bounty*'s Bible as

guidance. It is still used in

Pitcairn's church today.

When representatives of the

Admiralty finally came for Adams,

they were so taken by what they

saw as the redemption of savages

by a British seaman, that they

spared him from the gallows.

Although Thalberg made the

original movie of the mutiny

against Bligh, the sequel depicting

the mutineers' descent into savagery

and mayhem would have

been a natural project for Sam

Goldwyn, a producer who liked

his movies to start with an

earthquake and then build to a

real climax.

**C**utting Edge Playing for

England (Channel 4) was

the latest evidence that

even if England can't produce a

world-beating football team,

nobody's going to stop us

making documentaries about

subjects related to that non-

world-beating football team.

This one follows nine

Sheffield Wednesday fans who

were selected to play for

England, but in a brass band

rather than on the pitch.

You remember them, don't you?

Playing the theme tune

from *The Great Escape* every

time England played a match in

last summer's World Cup?

Rupert Murray's film — by

following the band's joyous

excitement at being paid to travel

around France watching the

World Cup, and the band mem-

bers' subsequent desolation when

England were knocked out on

penalties — neatly mirrors the

national team's rise and fall. But

isn't it time for Kenneth Wolsten-

holme to come on and tell us that,

as far as soccer documentaries go,

it really is over now?

In *Bitesize Britain* (BBC2), a

couple are licking chocolate

body paint on each other's

bodies. This is apparently very

erotic (provided, of course,

you're not licking chocolate

body paint off your own

body, which is obviously some-

thing kinky you should proba-

bly do only in private). What makes

chocolate so sexy is that it con-

tains a chemical called phenylethyl-

amine (literally "your place or

mine"), which is an anti-

depressant that creates a sensa-

tion of euphoria similar to that of

being in love. Frankly, in these

days of safe sex, you're probably

better off sticking to those choco-

late sweets, the ones that melt in

your mouth, not on your skin.

rubbed up the wrong way.

Christian crushed an initial

rebellion by killing two Polynesians

*pour discouager les autres*.

But a couple of years later the

remaining Polynesians borrowed

the Europeans' rifles on the pre-

text of going on a pig hunt; the

mutineers lent them the guns, in

anticipation of the lads bringing

home some bacon. Only later did

they discover that they themselves

were the bacon: five Europeans,

including Christian, were killed.

Of the four Europeans who sur-

vived the various massacres,

one went loopy after swilling too

much tea tree liquor, and another

became so violent that Adams had

to kill him. At this point Adams

had a revelation and saw that his

mission was to bring up the

island's 20 children as Christians,

using the *Bounty*'s Bible as

guidance. It is still used in

Pitcairn's church today.

When representatives of the

Admiralty finally came for Adams,

they were so taken by what they

saw as the redemption of savages

by a British seaman, that they

spared him from the gallows.

Although Thalberg made the

original movie of the mutiny

against Bligh, the sequel depicting

the mutineers' descent into savagery

and mayhem would have

been a natural project for Sam

Goldwyn, a producer who liked

his movies to start with an

earthquake and then build to a

real climax.

**C**utting Edge Playing for

England (Channel 4) was

the latest evidence that

even if England can't produce a

world-beating football team,

nobody's going to stop us

making documentaries about

subjects related to that non-

world-beating football team.

This one follows nine

Sheffield Wednesday fans who

**GOLF 46**

Davies gets her own tournament on new calendar

RK

# SPORT

TUESDAY MARCH 23 1999

**MOTOR SPORT 50**

Franchitti opts to win his spurs in the States



## Keegan forced to pick new recruits



Parlour: first cap

**KEVIN KEEGAN** was last night wrestling with the prospect of gambling England's hopes of qualifying for the European championship on the performances of two international debutants after injuries and withdrawals from his squad played havoc with his preparations for the group five tie against Poland on Saturday.

Already without Paul Ince, who is suspended, Nicky Butt, who was not selected, and Paul Gascoigne, who is not fit, Barry's absence means that Keegan has been confronted with a dearth of experienced players to fill the holding role at the centre of midfield. It now seems probable that he will turn to Tottenham Hotspur's midfield anchor, Tim Sherwood, who has been in outstanding form since he moved to White Hart Lane from Blackburn Rovers but has never been capped by his country.

Even as they were busy marvelling about how much they had in common and arranging to get together the next time the *Antiques*

Roadshow visits Toxteth, though it was emerging that David Batty and Andy Hinchcliffe had already been discounted from Keegan's plans. The absence of Batty, who has hardly kicked a ball since he joined Leeds United from Newcastle United earlier this year and is now suffering from a chest infection, is a grievous blow to England hopes.

Keegan has been confronted with a dearth of experienced players to fill the holding role at the centre of midfield. It now seems probable that he will turn to Tottenham Hotspur's midfield anchor, Tim Sherwood, who has been in outstanding form since he moved to White Hart Lane from Blackburn Rovers but has never been capped by his country.

Keegan is still unsure of his starting side but the indications he has

given are that he will play David Beckham, who is expected to shake off a calf strain, as the creative half of the central midfield partnership and Ray Parlour, rather than Darren Anderton, on the right.

On the left, there appear to be few options other than Steve McMan-

aman, who has been embroiled in his own problems at Liverpool and who himself has spent much of the season battling against a succession of niggling injuries. Keegan, in any case, is a confirmed admirer of McManaman, so an unfamiliar England midfield four is beginning to take shape for a match against the Poles that England must win to

resuscitate their chances of qualifying for the 2000 championships.

To make matters worse, there are also serious doubts about the availability of Michael Owen, who is having intensive treatment for a hamstring injury, and of Chris Sutton, who has a groin strain. Both

are likely to be ruled out of contention for a place tomorrow or Thursday. Andy Cole, once Keegan's talisman at St James' Park, is now the favourite to start in attack alongside the man who succeeded him at Newcastle, Alan Shearer.

Another striker, possibly Dion Dublin, of Aston Villa, could be called into the squad today. To complete the depressing duality of injury news, there was growing concern about the shoulder problem that ruled David Seaman out of training and the back problem that has laid Nigel Martyn low, too. With both goalkeepers scheduled for further

treatment today, Keegan called the Leeds teenager, Paul Robinson, into the squad to play opposite Ian Walker in training at Bisham Abbey. After all that, the predictable news about the *rapprochement* between Fowler and Le Saux must have seemed like a piece of driftwood to a drowning man. They, at least, are fit and raring to play.

Keegan seemed delighted by the fact that the two men had shaken hands as soon as they arrived at the team hotel at Burnham Beeches on Sunday night, unbidden and unscripted. The three of them later met together in what the Football Association described as a "clear-the-air meeting" that lasted about 20 minutes and was conducted in an amicable atmosphere.

"During the meeting," an FA spokesman said, "Robbie Fowler and Graeme Le Saux made it clear to Kevin Keegan that there was no personal animosity between them. Both are keen to re-

main together with the squad and are happy to continue as international team-mates."

Keegan, who made a point of shaking hands with all the players when they arrived at Burnham and moved from table to table as the squad ate their evening meal, was eager to seize on some good news, too. "I'm delighted that Graeme and Robbie were able to shake hands even before I asked them to come into a meeting," Keegan said. "I'm satisfied now that our preparations for such an important game will not be disrupted either as a squad or as individuals by what may have happened in the past."

Other issues, unfortunately, remain alive, if not kicking. Keegan has done everything right in the build-up to this match so far, and avoided all the pitfalls that Glenn Hoddle careered into. Now that the screaming has started, though, and the epidemic has visited him just as it used to visit his predecessor, Keegan's mantle is about to be tested.

## McRae may switch to Formula One

TWO hundred feet below the balcony of Colin McRae's luxury apartment in Monaco is the world's most famous grand prix track. It is a circuit that the former world rally champion may find himself racing on in the future.

In what would be one of the most astonishing switches in motor sport, it emerged yesterday that the Scot is to be given the chance to try his luck behind the wheel of a Formula One car later this year. If he impresses — and some experienced observers feel that he can — then an offer to make the leap from rallying to the grand prix circuit could follow.

McRae drives for Ford in the world rally championship and it is his outstanding performances in the new Focus car — not least yesterday, when he took an extraordi-

FROM JEREMY HART  
IN OPORTO

nary lead in the Rally of Portugal — that have attracted the attentions of those backing the Stewart-Ford grand prix team.

"Colin is on a par with Michael Schumacher," Martin Whitaker, Ford's director of European motor sport, said. "They both have the same mystique and they are both good in all conditions."

"In fact, Colin is streets ahead of Formula One drivers in terms of being a complete driver. You could put him in any car and he would be quick, a Formula one car included. We will give him a test later this year and, if he's quick enough ... well, let's wait and see. The test is not for fun."

McRae admitted that the idea of competing alongside

Schumacher, David Coulthard, Jacques Villeneuve and the rest appeals to him. "To drive in Formula One is something I have been thinking about for quite a while," he said. "If I do the test and I am competitive, then I must consider what I might be getting into. If I am committed, there is no reason why I couldn't drive in Formula One."

Never mind the fact that McRae has said of watching the sport: "I find grand prix racing really boring to watch. Once I fall asleep during a race because it was so dull."

Nor would it be the first time that McRae, the world rally champion in 1995, has driven a Formula One car. Three years ago, he swapped his Subaru for the Jordan of Martin Brundle in a publicity stunt for their sponsors.

He started the car without a problem and eased out of the pit lane. For the first few laps, his gear changes were erratic, but with each circuit of the track at Silverstone, he looked more comfortable.

"He's really getting the hang of it," Brundle said as he watched. His lap times came down steadily and, although he ran wide on to the grass at one point and later spun the car, he came within four percent of Brundle's time in the next Oporto.

Not since Vic Elford, the winner of the 1968 Monte Carlo Rally who finished fourth in the French Grand Prix at Rouen in the same year, has a rally driver also made it to the top of the Formula One ladder, or, indeed, vice versa. The disciplines are so vastly different that few have attempted even to bridge the divide, a chasm that has grown as the

years have passed.

"I was not expecting to be leading with the car being overweight," McRae said, "but if we can be this competitive here, then it looks good for the rest of the year."

His remorseless driving has left him on course for a second successive rally victory, after his triumph in the Safari Rally.

McRae and his co-driver, Nicky Grist, became airborne in their Ford Focus during the Portuguese Rally yesterday. Photograph: Jose Manuel Ribeiro

technology put into them has advanced.

Last night, McRae led the Rally of Portugal by just under a minute after one of the best drives of his career. In an over-weight car, he left the rest of the field trailing on the stages near Oporto.

"I was not expecting to be leading with the car being overweight," McRae said, "but if we can be this competitive here, then it looks good for the rest of the year."

His remorseless driving has left him on course for a second successive rally victory, after his triumph in the Safari Rally.

McRae and his co-driver, Nicky Grist, became airborne in their Ford Focus during the Portuguese Rally yesterday. Photograph: Jose Manuel Ribeiro

ly, winning four of the eight special stages yesterday and finishing joint-fastest in another. His lead of 49sec was all the more remarkable considering that he won the race last year by just 2.1sec from Carlos Sainz, of Spain.

This time his leading-challenger is not the Spaniard but Richard Burns, a fellow Briton, in a Subaru, with Sainz, driving a Toyota, only a fraction of a second farther back. Tommi Makinen, the world champion, is struggling in ninth place after suffering transmission problems in his Mitsubishi.

McRae and his co-driver, Nicky Grist, became airborne in their Ford Focus during the Portuguese Rally yesterday. Photograph: Jose Manuel Ribeiro



Julian Muscat's new Fiat racing column  
Page 47

**MORSE**

Getting any business started with e-commerce applications requires the skills and support of more than one company.

This is why Sun Microsystems has forged alliances with leading e-commerce organisations to help its customers.



Morse is proud to be one of Sun's partners. With first hand experience of putting both our own and a range of clients' e-commerce systems in place, we have much to offer.

To find out more about this, and why Morse is Sun's largest partner in Europe, please visit:

[www.morse.com](http://www.morse.com)

## Henman's form causes concern

FROM ALEX RAMSAY IN KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA

LOOKING on the positive side, Tim Henman's defeat at the hands of Jerome Golmard on Sunday night at least gave him a few extra days at home to prepare for the Davis Cup. It may not be much but, when times are hard, even the shortest of straws is worth clutching. And, at the moment, times are hard.

Yesterday, the United States

announced their Davis Cup squad — Todd Martin, Jim Courier, Jan-Michael Gambill and Alex O'Brien — at a restaurant on Ocean Drive here. There were no surprises in the selection and very little interest, either.

Forced to compete with honking taxis and the well-heeled and well-muscled strutting their stuff in the sunshine, Tom Gullikson, the US team captain, was fighting a losing battle. With March Madness, the NCAA basketball extravaganza, coming to a head this weekend, the thought of a small group of Americans playing tennis in Birmingham pales into insignificance.

On the British side of the Atlantic, however, there was more than enough cause for concern. Gullikson may have

sounded a little desperate as he begged the Americans to get behind their brave boys, but there was a hint of steel in his tone as he pointed out that his men have a 13-2 winning record over David Lloyd's chaps. Henman and Greg Rusedski have both beaten Martin, but only once, and that was a couple of years ago.

When Henman beat him at the US Open, the tall and slow-moving Martin's arm was so badly injured that he could hardly lift a racket.

He started poorly and got progressively worse. Given half a chance to salvage the situation in the second set, he wasted it, losing 6-4, 7-6. "It seemed the worse I played, the harder I mixed it up, the harder he found it," Henman said with marvellous logic.

In the second set, I stayed back a little bit more and that seemed to work. But you've got to be able to keep that going once you get your chance and I didn't do that," Gullikson will be pleased.

Pete Sampras has not been pleased for a while now. Still struggling with his form, he reached the last 16 with a workmanlike 7-5, 6-3 defeat of

Golmard.

Looking a bit sluggish and surprised by how well Farina was playing, she found herself 5-3 down in the second set before she woke up. From that point on, she conceded just two more points and now plays Elena Likhovtseva for a place in the quarter-finals.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like

Sampras, would like to regain her No 1 ranking but, like

Sampras, she is not playing at her best.

Farina, however, is not playing at her best.

Lindsay Davenport knew how Sampras felt. She just

survived her late-night encounter with Silvia Farina, winning 6-4, 7-5. She, like